

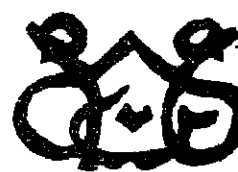
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KOREAN PRESIDENT: King Fahd Sunday meets South Korean President Choi Kyu-Hah in Riyadh.

Chou starts
3-day visit
M.E., economic
ties on agenda

RIYADH, May 11 (SPA) — South Korean President Choi Kyu-Hah arrived here Sunday on an official three-day visit to Saudi Arabia.

He was met at the airport by King Fahd, Crown Prince Fahd, Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan, and other officials. King Fahd later escorted Choi to the guest palace.

Choi said that he will conduct a frank and open dialogue with Saudi officials on bilateral ties and current world problems. He added that his people are keenly interested in having strong cooperation with Saudi Arabia, especially in the diplomatic and economic fields. "There are joint economic projects between the two countries that could be discussed and expanded further," he said.

Choi said his country understands the situation of the Palestinian people and hopes that all problems in the area can be solved peacefully. At the same time, he condemned the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and called on all peace-loving people to do the same.

"My country intends to boycott the Olympic games due to be held in Moscow this year," he said. Choi also said that Islam has achieved tremendous progress and numerous victories in South Korea and helps unify the Korean people.

King Fahd and Choi exchanged gifts and medals. Choi called on King Fahd at his office in the Muzaffar palace. The King gave him the Abdul Aziz medal and a sword while Choi gave him the highest Korean decoration.

He also gave Crown Prince Fahd a first class medal. The meeting was attended by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard Prince Sultan, defense minister, and Prince Saud, the foreign minister.

It is the first visit by a South Korean head of state to the Middle East and Choi's first trip abroad since he succeeded assassinated President Park Chung-hee in December. The Korean leader will also visit Qatar and Kuwait.

The Palestine question is expected to be among the president's main topics of discussions with the Gulf leaders. He would also seek stable oil deliveries to South Korea and ways to boost economic and trade ties.

44th settlement established

Britain, Egypt ministers seek
renewed talks on self-rule

CAIRO, May 11 (AP) — Sir Ian Gilmour, the lord privy seal and deputy foreign secretary in Britain government, met for a second time Sunday with Egyptian State Minister for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali, the official Middle East news agency reported.

Gilmour arrived here from Tunisia Saturday for a four-day visit. His first meeting with Ghali was held shortly after his arrival. A statement released by the Foreign Ministry Sunday said the two men had discussed the stalled Palestinian autonomy talks and what steps should be taken to get them moving again, the agency reported.

"Dr. Ghali explained to Sir Ian that Egypt now is reviewing the situation, seeking a way to push the peace process forward and give the Palestinians their legitimate rights," the agency quoted from the statement.

President Anwar Sadat suspended the tripartite autonomy talks Thursday to reassess with his advisers the results of the last round of negotiations that took place in Israel last week. The talks, which face a May 26 deadline, are being delayed by basic issues such as security, the status of Jerusalem and electoral procedures.

Working papers envisaging Egypt's next move are being prepared for Sadat, who is expected to hold a meeting with his top advisers next Thursday. Foreign Ministry sources said. The Foreign Ministry statement said Gilmour told Ghali that Britain and the European community are willing to do their share to attain a just peace in the area, the agency reported. The statement did not go into specifics.

Gilmour later met with Prime Minister Mostafa Khalil and Speaker of Parliament Sufi Abu Taleb, the agency said. He is scheduled to meet with President Sadat Monday and return to Britain Tuesday.

Meanwhile the Israeli cabinet expressed regret Sunday over the decision to freeze the autonomy talks.

At the suggestion of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, the cabinet issued a statement noting "With regret the unilateral decision to postpone" the talks just two weeks before their scheduled conclusion May 16.

Officials said Sadat's sudden suspension of the talks came as a surprise after Egypt and Israel worked out a detailed schedule for the next two weeks to try and reach at least partial agreement by the target date set one year ago.

In a long five and-a-half hour session, the cabinet spent most of its time debating the politically delicate question of Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank of Jordan.



VISITS HOSPITAL: French Defense Minister Yvon Bourges pays a visit to the Armed Forces Hospital Sunday after signing an agreement with Defense Minister Prince Sultan.

Palestinian march halted

Israel bars exiled mayors

TEL AVIV, May 11, (R) — Israeli security forces Sunday prevented three banished Palestinian leaders from crossing the King Hussein Bridge over the River Jordan back into the occupied West Bank, military sources said here.

The three prominent Palestinians, Hebron Mayor Fahd Kawasme, Halhoul Mayor Muhammad Milhem and the Muslim Religious Judge of Hebron, Sheikh Rajab Tamini, were deported to Lebanon nine days ago following a Palestinian attack on Israelis in Hebron.

The three made their way from Amman and told reporters they would try to return home across the river Jordan bridge following last week's Security Council call on Israel to permit them back.

But when they appeared at the bridge in the late morning an Israeli military force blocked their way and prevented them from crossing into Israeli-held territory. They were told by the commanding officer that their return was banned by the expulsion order against them.

The leaders, who were accompanied by a large group of journalists and Palestinian sympathizers, returned to the Jordanian post where they held a press conference.

The Israeli military command blocked off the entire area to journalists and possible demonstrators, who were not permitted to go further than the town of Jericho, several kilometers away.

About 100 Israelis, headed by two left-wing members of parliament and belonging to an assortment of leftist organizations, had planned to arrive at the bridge to demonstrate in support of the return of the Palestinian leaders.

Among them was Mattityahu Peled, a former Israeli army general who supports the idea of Palestinian state. Peled, a member of

the Council for Israel-Palestinian Peace, told reporters that Mayors Kawasme and Milhem were "men of peace."

Both Kawasme and Milhem are so determined to work for peace that the Israeli government became convinced they were a danger to existing policy.

This demonstration is to show that not all Israelis support the government's idiotic policy," Peled said.

Mayor Milhem's wife and daughter also got as far as Jericho. But Mayor Kawasme's wife was prevented from leaving Hebron because of a curfew in force since the attack.

A short scuffle broke out when a policeman pushed aside Mrs. Milhem, 43, while she was addressing the crowd on a main road to enable a car to pass.

One of the demonstrators called out abuse at the policeman, who tried to drag him away. The policeman gave up when encircled by other demonstrators.

Mrs. Milhem said she had no contact with her husband since his expulsion, but said she was sure he would return home "with the backing of the progressive people in Israel whose conscience is not clear."

Mrs. Milhem said she would appeal against the expulsion order to the Israeli High Court of Justice.

Leftist Parliamentarian Uri Avneri said the demonstration was an act of solidarity with the three expelled men whom he called the most moderate leaders in the West Bank.

Accompanying the three leaders were Palestine Liberation Organization Executive Abdul Jawad Saleh, senior officers of the Palestine Liberation Army in Jordan and officials of the PLO office in Amman.

Reports reaching Amman said the Israeli military authorities had threatened to close the King Hussein Bridge "indefinitely" if there was an attempt by the deportees to cross.

France
to aid in
coastal
defense

RIYADH, May 11 (SPA) — France Sunday signed an "agreement in principle" to help build up the Saudi Arabian coastal defenses.

It was signed by France's Defense Minister Yvon Bourges, who arrived here Saturday for a two-day official visit, and his counterpart, Prince Sultan ibn Abdul Aziz.

Prince Sultan said the agreement came under bilateral cooperation on coastal defense, adding that a technical document would follow the agreement in principle, to establish equipment required, cost and specifications.

The prince said this technical agreement would be submitted to the Saudi Arabian government in a month's time.

After signing the document, Bourges gave his colleague a symbolic model ship, before being taken round a military hospital in Riyadh.

King Fahd later received Bourges at his office at Maazir palace. The meeting was attended by Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, and Prince Sultan.

At noon, Prince Sultan gave a luncheon in honor of Bourges and the accompanying delegation. The banquet was attended by Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman, Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Prince Fahd ibn Sultan, and a number of senior armed forces officers.

Bourges also paid a visit Sunday to the Armed Forces Hospital and was met there by Dr. Col. Muhammad Al-Emari, director general of medical services.

Emari briefed him on the hospital's equipment. At the end of the visit, Bourges expressed his appreciation at the visitor's book. He congratulated the Saudi armed forces and people for enjoying such a high standard of medical services.

To Our Readers
Today's Arab News
includes a travel
supplement.London cops
dosed food to
sap gunmen

LONDON, May 11 (Agencies) — Food given to gunmen and hostages by police during the six-day Iranian embassy siege here was drugged to weaken the gunmen, The Observer reported here Sunday.

The paper quoted one of the freed hostages, a British Pakistani journalist, as saying that several hostages had complained of stomach pains on the fourth and fifth days of the siege.

Muhammad Hashir Faruqi, editor-in-chief of Impact International — a Muslim magazine published here — said that the second hostage killed by the gunmen was executed after Special Air Service (SAS) commandos attacked the embassy, and not before as previously announced.

Faruqi indicated that SAS troops had killed the gunmen in cold blood. The British commandos ordered one of the gunmen, who was lying on the floor, to stand then shot him, he said.

Five of the six ethnic Arab gunmen were killed when the SAS men stormed the embassy last Monday. A sixth gunman was turned over to police. 19 hostages were freed by the SAS while two were killed by the gunmen.

According to Faruqi, the gunmen appeared to lose heart and stopped firing when the commandos attacked.

"Within 20 seconds they started to surrender, saying, 'Tasleem, tasleem' (surrender, surrender)," the journalist reportedly said.

When the commandos appeared, the gunmen were "huddled together in the corner among the Iranian hostages and trying to take shelter behind some desks and cabinets," Faruqi said.

"I think somebody pointed at them, and it was at this stage that they were shot by the SAS. I am not sure the terrorists were huddling towards weapons at that stage, but the commandos would not know that, of course. They didn't know whether the terrorists were still armed or not."

The Sunday Times reported that the gunmen were all Iraqis and their leader — the mastermind of the siege — is still at large. The gang had assembled together on March 31 and had lived in a London rooming house as "Arab tourists" while they planned the siege, the paper said.

The leader of the gang was identified by the Sunday Times as Sami Mohammed Ali, "an older, balding man" with a postal address in Baghdad. He reportedly fled after the hostages were rescued.

Fahd stresses Gulf
military independence

JEDDAH, May 11 (SPA) — Crown Prince said the defense of the Gulf region is the responsibility of its own people and should be handled through them only. In an interview with the Qatari newspaper Al Rayanah, Prince Fahd said the states of the region conducting themselves as one family so they are aware that their solidarity leads to greater order.

Kingdom, as well as other Gulf states declared their opposition to any foreign military presence in their territories, and Arabia continues to believe that the defense of the area should be undertaken by its people, he said.

He stressed the importance of strong and united. "Such efforts," he whether they are individual or collective should be pursued as long as they are in conformity with Arab policies agreed on at its conferences or through the Arab League."

Recent visits by United States leaders to the region are evidence of Saudi Arabian support in the lost rights of the Arabs that usurped by Israel, he said. "It is advisable to maintain such contacts between the countries, because the U.S. is the only country that can do anything with regard to the region."

Arabs should safeguard their independence from all sides, and it would be wise to avert threats from the Soviet Union and independence to non-Communist powers, he said.

Prince Fahd added any suitable solution to the Palestinian problem has to come from the Palestinian people themselves, and the Palestine Liberation Organization is the real representative of those people.

He added that the imposition of extraneous solutions that do not satisfy the Palestinian is something that the Arab countries in the Baghdad and Tunis summits, "detracting the importance of the Euro-Arab dialogue," he said the Gulf-Europe dialogue must not replace the Euro-Arab dialogue.

AE, Qatar receive
messages from Khaled

DUBAI, May 11 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Al Aziz Al Thunayan arrived here with a message from King Khaled for Sheikh Zayed Sultan, president of the United Arab Emirates. Thunayan later delivered a message from the King to Sheikh Khalifa bin Adnan, ruler of Qatar.

Earlier he had visited Aden, where he delivered a message from the King to President Ali Nasser Muhammad of South Yemen. Observers in Aden said the message was a renewed invitation to the president to visit the Kingdom. King Khaled had earlier visited Aden, where he had met the former president Abdul Fattah Ili. But since Ili resigned for what was allegedly stated in Aden as health reasons, invitation was extended to his successor, President Ali.

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Dammam telecommunications

Railway project nears end

DAMMAM, May 11 (SPA) — The railway telecommunications network linking Dammam, Dhahran, Abqaiq, Al-Kharj and Riyadh will be completed soon, a railway official said Sunday.

Sheikh Faisla Al-Shuhayyel, director general of the General Railway Organization, said the SR14 million project will serve all the organization's departments and offices, as well as stations and trains.

Construction of a land port in the customs area in Riyadh is also nearing completion and will be handed over within the coming three months, he added. The land port comprises open areas and covered warehouses in addition to cold storage facilities and administrative buildings for shipping agents and clearing houses. The facility will also contain a mosque and inner railroads. The overall cost of the project is SR240 million.

Shuhayyel said the land port will help speed up transport and storage and maintenance of goods transported by railroad to Riyadh and its customs clearance station.

In the meantime, he said that 46 housing units costing SR27 million in the organization's residential district of Dammam have been handed over to house the organization's employees.

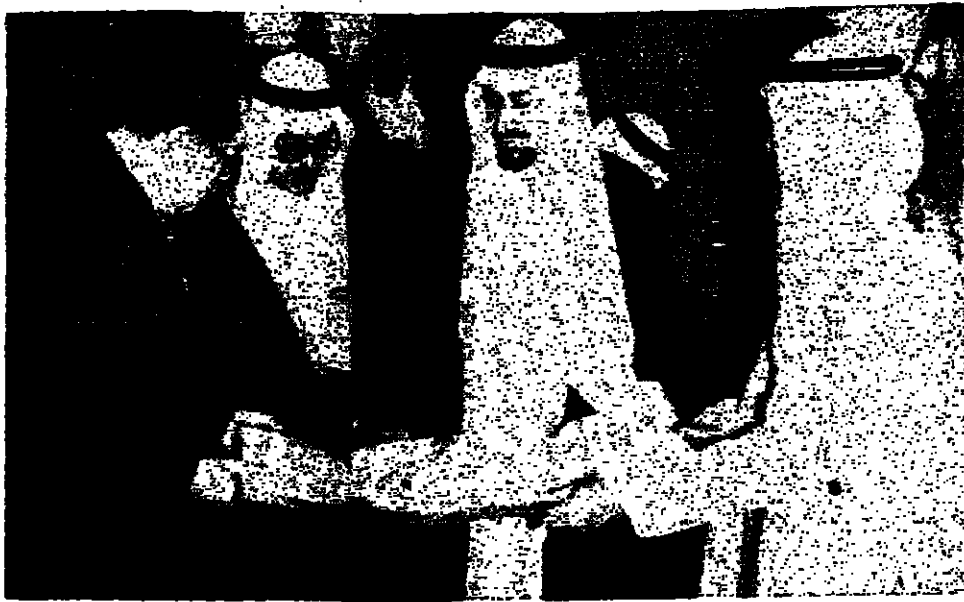
In related developments, the Saudi Press Agency reported from Riyadh Sunday that work on two projects from among these slated by the Fiftieth Authority for the Development and Construction. One project calls for the construction of a housing and administrative compound for the authority at a cost of SR17 million and the other for the construction of the 37 kilometers Maabadih road to link Al-Aydawi and Bani Malek at a cost of SR13 million.

Djibouti leader stops in Jeddah

JEDDAH, May 11 (SPA) — President Hassan Gouled of Djibouti stopped Saturday at Jeddah airport on his way home after attending the French-African Conference in Paris, which ended earlier in the day. Gouled was received and seen off by Salem Sunbul, foreign ministry chief of protocol; Lt. Gen. Mansour Al-Shuaibi, commander of the Western Province; a representative of the royal protocol and Aden Sheikh, Djibouti ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

prayer times

Monday	Mecca	Medina	Nejd
Fajr	4.25	4.17	3.51
Ishraq	5.50	5.37	5.18
Dhuhr	12.24	12.24	11.57
Asr	3.42	3.51	3.22
Maghreb	6.53	6.58	6.29
Isha	8.23	8.28	7.59



EXCHANGE: King Khaled and South Korean President Choi exchange gifts upon the president's arrival in the Kingdom.

Saudi Comment

By Hussein Ali Hussein
Al Medina

The Arab image abroad has been distorted grossly. Arabs are pictured as being sentimental and interested only in women and feasts, and having little concern for scientific advancement and peaceful co-existence with their neighbor Israel. This image has found its way to the public eye by the foreign media and is undoubtedly receives Jewish support.

On the other hand, the Arab media seem disenchanted with such matters and appear to believe what the Western media say about them. The Arab media behave as if they have been blindfolded and are unable to see Europeans in their impudent, deceptive attitudes.

Europeans, Americans and Jews all have these good and bad qualities that

Arabs possess. The only difference lies in the fact that the former always are ready to pass on their vices to the Arabs, whom they consider as a low wall easily scaled with no threat of punishment.

There seems to be no solution to this problem — unless Arabs initiate a powerful public relations campaign. There should be research centers, newspapers, broadcasting stations and news media ready to provide concentrated information about the Arab way of life. Consequently, the Arabs would be able to do away with the distorted public image presented by the Western media.

It is regrettable that Arabs do not have any news agency or Arab broadcasting station working vigorously along the lines of Voice of America, BBC, Radio Monte Carlo, as well as Reuters and Agence France Presse news agencies.

WEATHER

Summer weather will prevail in most areas of the Kingdom, but temperatures will be moderate in the western and south-western highlands.

Clouds will gather over the highlands and parts of the southern, central and eastern region that may bring scattered thunderstorms.

Winds will be northerly to north-westerly and moderate. They may become active, causing sand haze inland.

Seas will be moderate.
Sunday's temperatures (maximum,

minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	40	27
Jeddah	36	27
Riyadh	36	28
Dhahran	38	23
Medina	39	25
Taif	32	19
Jizan	38	27
Hail	35	14
Turaif	30	14
Qaisumah	39	21
Sulayyil	41	24
Abha	26	13

Hasa farming project begins

HASA, May 11 (SPA) — The Hasa Irrigation and Drainage Project Commission began a 35-week technical training session here Sunday.

The session is teaching 15 farmers in developing farm products and protecting farms. The farmers will receive SR900 a month as incentive.

In addition, Ismail Mutairah, an irrigation and drainage expert of the commission, said

that another session for agricultural machinery operators also began Sunday. The session has 14 trainees receiving SR600 monthly as an agricultural machinery operation certificate at the end of the session.

Mutairah added that the commission studying some fields in order to introduce advanced irrigation technology in the H. farms by means of distillation, spray pumping.

Criminal science class to graduate

RIYADH, May 11 (SPA) — Director of Public Security Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh will attend the graduation ceremonies of the sixth criminal sciences specialist class and the ninth group of English language at the Public

Security Officers Institute here Monday. The two groups comprise 30 officers. The institute organizes regular specializations to improve the scientific and cultural standard of officers involved in security.

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Defying political ban

Bhutto's daughter urges restoration of democracy

KARACHI, May 11 (AFP) — The eldest daughter of the executed former Pakistani Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Sunday defied her challenge to the regime of Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq by publicly defying a martial law ban on political activities.

In her first public appearance since her arrest last month after a long period of house arrest, Benazir Bhutto addressed a packed house of the Karachi Bar Association Sunday afternoon.

She urged the lawyers, politicians and her opinion-makers to forget their bitter differences of the past and work together for restoration of democracy in the country.

Miss Bhutto said that religious fanaticism

and the absence of democracy would irreparably damage national unity and the federal structure of Pakistan and invite foreign interference, possibly by the superpowers.

These dangers could be avoided by adopting secularism, federalism and Islamic socialism, she said.

Miss Bhutto is the second politician within a fortnight to defy the martial law ban on political activities by addressing the Karachi Bar Association.

Retired Air Marshal Asghar Khan, a former commander-in-chief of the Pakistan Air Force, made a similar speech here on April 29.

IMF suggests new measures

Turkish economy improves slightly

ANKARA, May 11 (Agencies) — Despite some signs of improvement, Turkey's economy is not yet out of trouble, according to experts here commenting on the latest recommendations by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Measures taken by the government in January have been followed by increased inflation, and after the devaluation of the Turkish lira exports grew less than had been hoped.

In addition the inflow of earnings by overseas workers, while higher, is still less than expected. Nevertheless there are some hopes. There is no longer a shortage of the essential items and foods. A slight but improvement in economic activity has occurred, due to increased imports of raw materials and semi-finished goods needed to keep the industry busy.

Finally, the increase in paper money in circulation has been cut and credit was tightened.

Against this background, the IMF — which recommending continuation of current policies — has reportedly suggested new measures.

One of these is believed to involve a further

20 per cent devaluation of the lira.

It is also believed the new recommendations include higher interest rates to encourage private saving, greater efforts to improve state company finances, new tax laws, higher incomes from non-agricultural and non-salaried activities, and inflation-linked wages.

The government had already considered some of these measures and has out proposals on tax reform and inflation-linked pay before Parliament.

However the reported IMF package is certain to face discontent among the people who know that each devaluation is followed by an increase in the cost of living.

Meanwhile, a three-month strike by workers of the state-owned Turkish Airlines (THY) has ended with agreement on a pay raise of just over 100 per cent, the state radio reported Sunday.

The strike had halted all domestic and international flights, mainly to Western Europe.

The workers are expected to return to work Monday but it will be at least one week before flights can resume, after maintenance work on aircraft.



KHOMEINI VOTES: Ayatollah Khomeini casts his vote in the final stage of Iran's parliamentary elections Friday. The 80-year-old spiritual leader told newsmen he hoped the forthcoming parliament would free Iran from foreign domination.

Cousin of murdered Libyan arrested

ROME, May 11 (R) — Police Sunday arrested the cousin of a Libyan businessman shot dead Saturday as part of an apparent campaign to murder exile enemies of Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi.

The cousin, Muhammad Fadi Kazmi, was interrogated for 18 hours by magistrates and then arrested on a warrant accusing him of

complicity in Abdullah Muhammad Kazmi's murder, police said.

The businessman was talking to two men in a crowded hotel bar in Rome when one of them pulled a pistol and shot him in the face.

Police Sunday said they believed the cousin arranged the meeting between the three men in the bar.

U.S. said provoking Iraq-Iran war

BEIRUT, May 11 (AFP) — The United States is trying to provoke a war between Iran and Iraq in order to weaken both states "the only ones with military strength capable of mounting effective opposition to American domination in the region" the newspaper *As Safir* said Sunday.

The paper said the U.S. was waiting for an opportunity to send massive forces into the Gulf.

Quoting "well-informed European diplomatic sources", *As Safir* added that Iran's last prime minister under the Shah, Shapur Bakhtiar, would be put in control of any Iranian territory occupied by U.S. forces.

Bakhtiar still enjoyed some influence with members of his own tribe, who were responsible for the recent bomb attacks in Iran, it said.

Israel boats seen off Lebanese coast

BEIRUT, May 11 (AFP) — Israeli patrol boats were sighted Saturday night off the Lebanese coast a few miles south of here, near Khaldah and Damour, Palestinian sources said.

boats and helicopters in the area, the sources added.

This was the fourth consecutive night that Israeli patrol boats have been sighted and Palestinian forces were on maximum alert.

Palestinian coastal artillery opened fire on

Blaze causes \$2m damage in Kuwait

KUWAIT, May 11 (AFP) — A huge blaze in an industrial zone here caused an estimated \$2 million worth of damage, authorized sources said here Sunday.

belonging to the Kuwaiti Electrical and Water Resources Ministry.

A total of 120 firemen struggled for six hours to control the fire in the Shueikh industrial zone, which destroyed electrical cables and pylons as well as gas bottles.

Israel's Shamir in Italy for talks

ROME, May 11 (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir arrived here Sunday for talks with Italian Foreign Minister Awemilio Colombo.

the latter's return from a two-day visit to Algeria.

From Rome Shamir will fly to London for talks with British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, officials here said.

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Binaisa-Obote conflict developing in Uganda

KAMPALA, May 11 (AFP) — A confrontation was developing Sunday in Uganda between the government of President Godfrey Binaisa and military and civilian supporters of former President Milton Obote, who appeared to have seized the national radio and television.

It was thought that Binaisa was at his residence in Entebbe, 40 kilometers from Kampala. Lt. Col. David Oyite-Ojok, who was fired Saturday by Binaisa from his post of army chief of staff, was Sunday at the Nile Mansion Hotel, where several members of the government live. The hotel appeared to be under the control of the Ugandan army.

The firing of Oyite-Ojok, a supporter of Obote and from the same Lang tribe, touched off the confrontation when the military commission of the ruling Uganda National Liberation Front refused to accept it.

The commission — presided by Paul Muwanga, another Obote supporter — took over the radio, which has been broadcasting regularly a statement saying that the firing was illegal and that Oyite-Ojok is still in his post.

A presidential spokesman said last night that Binaisa was sticking to his decision and

that the radio station had been occupied by armed soldiers. There has been no statement since then from the presidency.

The military commission denied that it had used force to take the radio, which it said was working normally.

Meanwhile, the management of the Nile Mansion refused to say where Interior Minister Barnabas Kunuka was Sunday. Saturday, the minister — who is close to Binaisa — was detained for five hours by armed soldiers.

While the soldiers were detaining him, two persons were killed. One was the daughter of the agriculture minister.

In January, Binaisa tried to fire Oyite-Ojok but, under pressure, had to let him stay on. Since then, the situation has deteriorated. For several weeks, rumors of a coup d'etat by Obote supporters have been rife, while pillaging and shooting at night have become common.

In the general insecurity, people of the Kampala region have turned to vigilante justice, and it is believed that suspects have been burnt alive by local militias.

Obote has announced that he will return May 27 to Uganda from Tanzania, where he has been in exile since 1971.

W.Germans hold 'dress rehearsal' local election

BONN, May 11 (R) — West Germans in the country's most populous state of North Rhine-Westphalia voted Sunday in a local poll seen as a "dress rehearsal" for national elections later this year.

Campaign organizers of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's ruling Social Democratic Party (SPD), which draws heavily on working-class support, were understood to be hoping for a high turn-out among the state's 12 million voters.

Fine weather looked like favoring their chances and poll officials in Dusseldorf, the state capital, reported that about one in 10 voters had cast their ballots in the first two hours of the election. The vote in the Rhineland and industrial Ruhr is the last and largest poll before national elections on Oct. 5 which will decide whether Schmidt's left-liberal coalition continues in power.

An identical alliance between the local SPD and the Free Democrats (FDP) holds power in the Rhineland and is being challenged by the conservative Christian Democrats (CDU).

A CDU victory would not only raise



Chancellor Schmidt doubts about Schmidt's chances in the autumn vote. It would also give the conservatives a two-thirds majority in the upper house, whose members are appointed by state governments. This would give the CDU the power to block all legislation put before the West German parliament by the Bonn coalition.

Arrivals from Cuba

Refugees sent to Arkansas

KEY WEST, Florida, May 11 (AP) — U.S. immigration officials, faced with crowding at a large tent city for Cuban refugees in north Florida, were shipping new arrivals to a military installation in Arkansas on Saturday.

Officials said they expect 15,000 to 20,000 refugees eventually to be housed at Fort Chaffee, near Fort Smith, Arkansas. They are expected to be refugees who did not have relatives in south Florida who would immediately take them in.

There are 9,000 refugees at the main processing center at Eglin Air Force Base in north Florida, and officials said it is filled to capacity. Refugees are being held at processing centers until they can obtain a security

clearance, based on a check for a criminal background, and sponsorship in a U.S. community.

In Washington, State Department sources who asked not to be identified said the Cuban government may try to expel as many as 250,000 people it considers undesirable and most of them would end up in the United States.

By Saturday, more than 31,000 Cubans had arrived.

Immigration officials have been saying they believe that many of the refugees who have arrived have been inmates of Cuban jails.

California robbers nabbed after chase, gunbattle

LOS ANGELES, May 11 (AFP) — Three suspected bank robbers were arrested Saturday after a bloody gun and explosives battle and a 60 km chase through mountains near here which left two of the gang and a sheriff dead, police reported.

Five masked gunmen hit a bank in Norco, California, Friday night just before closing time, police said. They ordered bank employees to lie on the ground and escaped with \$19,000.

Police arrived on the scene as they made

their getaway in a stolen car, and shooting broke out. The car was riddled with bullets and the driver killed. The four gunmen then transferred to a truck and with police on their tail raced along 60 km stretch of road, through the mountainous and wooded San Bernardino Valley.

The gunmen tried to fend off police with home-made explosives and a deputy sheriff was killed. A police helicopter was also forced down after it was hit by gunfire.

Amnesty International report

Soviets said systematically mistreating political opponents

LONDON, May 11 (R) — Amnesty International has accused the Soviet Union of a sustained campaign against political dissenters, subjecting them to hunger, forced labor, dangerous drugs, inhumane transportation and exile.

In a 200-page report entitled *Prisoners of Conscience in the U.S.S.R.: Their Treatment and Conditions*, the London-based human

rights organization said it had learned of more than 400 people imprisoned or similarly restricted for exercising fundamental human rights between 1975 and mid-1979.

A spokesman said that since the report was compiled at least a further 100 had been arrested or tried and confined for political reasons.

"Amnesty believes there are many more

prisoners of conscience than those of whom it knows," a statement said. "The real number is veiled by official censorship, secrecy and the threat of retaliation against those who speak out against political imprisonment."

In 1975, Amnesty estimated there were 10,000 prisoners of conscience in the Soviet Union, but this year it did not hazard an overall figure.

Citing officially-published material as well as underground accounts by prisoners, friends and relatives, and human rights activists, Amnesty said: "Punishment may take the form of a sentence to a labor camp or prison, confinement to a psychiatric hospital where the inmate has even fewer rights than in prison, exile to a remote part of the Soviet Union or banishment from the offender's home area."

The report documented cases of people punished for criticizing official policies, trying to defend the rights of others, complaining to authorities about individual problems, holding unauthorized religious meetings, trying to leave the country and trying to return to their homeland within the USSR.

"Convicted prisoners in the USSR are subjected to chronic hunger, inadequate medical care and hard labor," Amnesty said. "Inmates of psychiatric hospital are deprived of almost every right that would enable them to protect themselves against ill-treatment." Amnesty knew of more than 100 people forcibly confined to psychiatric hospitals for exercising human rights between June, 1975, and May, 1979, it said. Some went to special psychiatric hospitals run by the internal affairs ministry where criminals were employed as orderlies, it stated.

Arbitrary, sadistic and sometimes fatal beatings of inmates had repeatedly been reported in the special psychiatric hospitals, Amnesty said.

"By all accounts, not only the criminal orderlies but also administrative and medical staff have ferociously beaten helpless and non-violent inmates," it stated. "Many prisoners of conscience have been arbitrarily treated with drugs while confined to psychiatric hospitals. Most commonly used are powerful tranquilizers (known as neuroleptic drugs) including amazin (known in the West as chlorpromazine), haloperidol (haldol or serenace), trifluazin (trifluoperazin) insulin and sulphazin."

"The wife of dissenter Leonid Plyuschch found him unrecognizable when she visited him after he had been treated with haloperidol for two months," it said. "He spoke with difficulty and was unable to sustain a conversation."

Some prisoners had spent decades in special psychiatric hospitals, it said.

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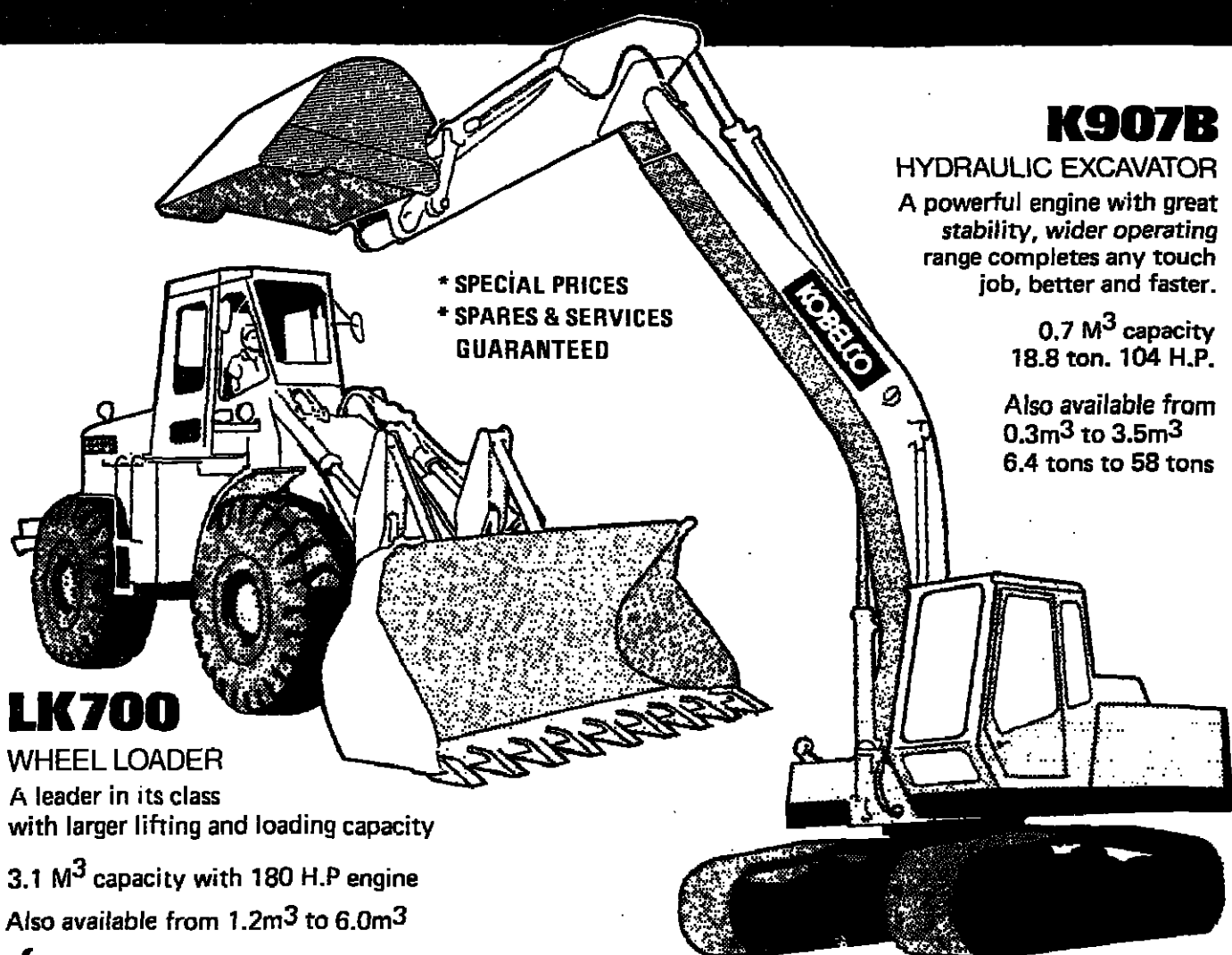
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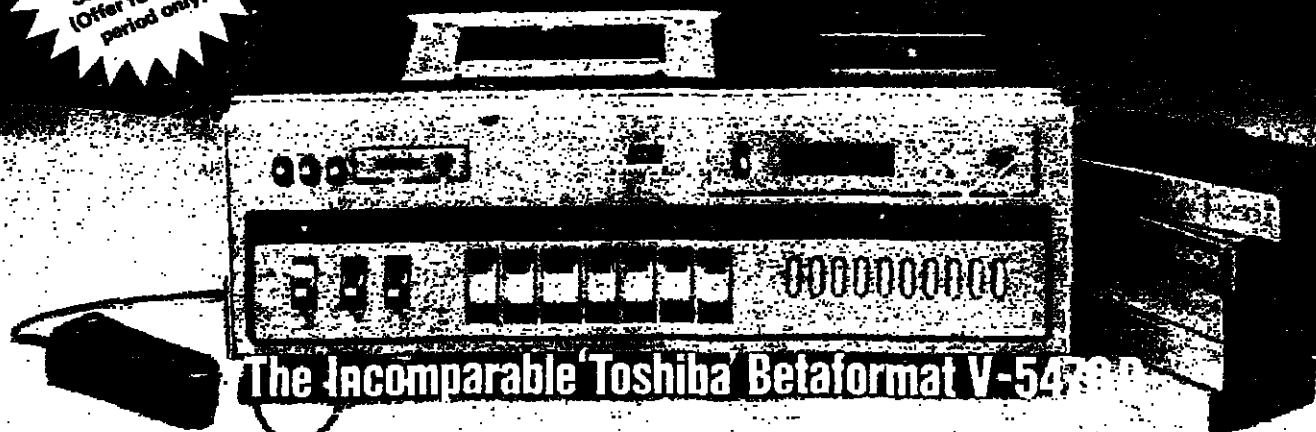
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3rd World goes begging despite enormous IMF funds

NAIROBI, May 11 (AFP) — Billions of dollars are languishing in the coffers of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington at a time when developing countries have a "dramatic need" for financing, the European Common Market's Development Commissioner Claude Cheysson told a press conference here Saturday.

He said the next conference on the North-South Dialogue scheduled for New York later this year should concentrate on financial problems. Many countries under IMF conditions unacceptable, since they were adapted to industrialized nations it not to Third World countries.

The IMF could not deal with a country whose economy was nationalized, he noted. In contrast, the Lome convention linking African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries with the Common Market had no political coloration. "We don't take sides, we are

completely non-aligned", Cheysson said. The convention afforded a legal framework for contracts joining the two sides, and was independent of a given country's "mood".

The Lome agreement was not panacea, but it ensured security for its signatories and carried no risk of boycotts, or in a case like Iran, of the freezing of assets abroad, Cheysson said.

The past week's ministerial meeting of ACP and Common Market countries here heard ACP complaints that only one-third of credits lined up under the Lome arrangements had been disbursed. Cheysson explained that 78 per cent of these credits had been committed to precise projects, but the funds were not paid out until after implementation.

For some countries like equatorial Guinea, allocated credits stopped because of political circumstances, Cheysson said.

Carter declines to back law for more fuel-efficient cars

WASHINGTON, May 11 (Agencies) — President Carter administration has declined to support proposed legislation calling for fuel efficiency standards for U.S. cars and trucks until a study can be made of its impact on an already depressed domestic automobile industry.

Senator Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.), chairman of the influential Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, is a principal sponsor of the bill, which calls for an industry fuel economy standard of 40 miles per gallon (5.9 liters per 100 kilometers) by the year 1995.

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gallon (8.4 or 8.1 liters per 100 kilometers) when Americans are buying imports that achieve 40 or 50 miles per gallon (5.9 or 4.7 liters per 100 kilometers), Jackson said. "Detroit has got to do more than play catch-up if U.S. auto workers are to stay at work, if the nation is to endure the next 20 or 30 years of continuing dependence on OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) oil."

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CONFISCATED GASOLINE: Hoarded gasoline (500 liters) is confiscated by police in Stockholm, where a nationwide strike has led to an almost total shutdown of the nation's refineries and gasoline transportation network. The gasoline was found in the cellar of an apartment house and was confiscated for violation of a Swedish law banning storage of more than 50 liters without permission.

Offshore Technology Conference 80,000 attend convention

By Shirley Kowitz
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, May 11 — Imagine 775,000 square feet of exhibits showing the latest in oil technology, everything in fact from the latest in valves to a 185-foot-high working drilling rig.

The 12th Oil Technology Conference (OTC) in Houston was larger than ever, drawing 80,000 scientists, engineers and businessmen from more than 90 countries. The four-day conference, in addition to its more than 2,200 exhibits from companies all over the world, featured a constant on-going series of technical sessions. A total of 240 papers were presented by authors from 25 countries.

This year's conference focused on ocean energy, particularly Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC), a process that converts water from tropical seas into electricity on floating platforms and pipes it ashore. Researchers see a future with OTEC power plants adjacent to floating manufacturing complexes.

There were several sessions about drilling for oil and gas from offshore platforms. Papers giving up-to-date studies on the effects of wind, waves and currents on platforms and

equipment were given. Other topics included safety and fire prevention in offshore processing and earthquakes in offshore waters.

A panel of experts from five of the world's largest oil companies presented a special session about blowout control management, telling approximately 500 audience members about the mammoth managerial task involved when a blowout occurs. Speaking from personal experience, the oilmen discussed the coordination needed by industry, government and private-sector groups and how the impact of a blowout can be minimized.

The OTC has grown from an attendance of 4,200 with 200 exhibiting companies in 1969 to its present enormous size. As the world's largest technical conference, officials say that it may be necessary to find larger headquarters for the conference next year. This year's conference was spread throughout the Astrodome, Astrohall and Astroarena, and still spilled over into an outside exhibition area.

The information the delegates shared at the conference will determine lifestyles, if not lives, throughout the world, perhaps beginning as soon as the next 10 or 15 years.

Weekly world economy roundup

LONDON, May 11 — Interest rates continued to fall in the United States as the Chase Manhattan Bank followed Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. in cutting its prime rate from 18 per cent to 17 per cent Wednesday. The Fed funds rate was about 10.5 per cent Thursday.

The Federal Reserve kept its basic discount rate of 13 per cent but abolished the 3 per cent surcharge that large and frequent users of the discount window were having to pay. The effect was to send the dollar down but the prices of dollar-denominated Eurobonds rose continuing a trend established over the past few weeks.

Elsewhere, U.S. domestic bonds initially but fell back at the end of the week. Hesitancy was shown in the United Kingdom gilt market where the likelihood of an immediate cut in the Bank of England minimum lending rate was rather forcefully dismissed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Geoffrey Howe. Disappointed that it might have to wait a further two months for a cut in M.L.R., the government securities index edged back some 0.7 points from its weekly high of 68.25.

In addition to the dollar's definite weakness against other currencies, sterling also indicated slight nervousness against the European currencies, although this was not reflected in the tradeweighted index, which rose 0.1 point in the week, largely because of gains against the dollar. The yen has staged a spectacular improvement in the past few days against both the dollar and sterling. It now stands at 232.6 and 529.7 respectively against 240.3 and 542.0 last Friday.

The final in a long series of gold auctions by the IMF took place Wednesday, with the U.S. Treasury also unlikely to auction much before the end of the year. There was speculation that shortage of supply would push up the price. However the signs were not immediately apparent, and given the present climate of the market it seems that much more substantial news will be needed to move gold out of its present \$480 to \$550 trading range.

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West Europe ranks of poor, jobless grow with inflation

LONDON, May 11 (R) — The rich and the middle classes are just about holding their own while the poor, as always, are hardest hit. This is the general trend now emerging in Western Europe as inflation and unemployment strengthen their hold on national economies and the specter of general recession looms in the background.

The situation varies widely from country to country. In Britain, which has had more experience in recent years than most of its allies in coping with economic hardship, strict government monetary policies seem to be limiting hardship to those on the lowest incomes with least ability to cope.

In the Netherlands, where a reasonable standard of living has long been taken for granted, the shock of recent developments has led to serious social unrest. And in West Germany, still seemingly impervious to general trends, the economic situation remains surprisingly buoyant.

A survey by Reuters correspondents in Western European capitals shows that for most people the current economic problems of governments have not yet begun to bite deeply.

Although Britain appears to have dipped into recession again, the effect on most people may be no worse than in 1973 and 1975 when output fell sharply, unemployment rose and inflation touched nearly 30 per cent. Statistics showed Britons suffered a real fall

in living standards of about 1.5 per cent in those years.

One aspect of the recession which will certainly be worse than in the earlier slump is unemployment. This is already touching post-World War II record levels at 1.45 million and is expected by many economists to rise to over 2 million.

Those likely to suffer most are the unemployed and the sick and aged who rely heavily on social services. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government is using strict monetary policies to curb inflation and the consequent high interest rates, and other problems are forcing many companies to cut back or even close down.

Another important aspect of these policies is a reduction in public expenditure. This is now producing cuts in many government projects and social services. The cuts are likely to produce the worst hardship and strongest protests. Action groups have been formed in some areas of Britain to campaign against closures of hospitals and reductions in school staffs.

But, in the meantime, consumer spending is holding up well. It even increased by 2 per cent in the past three months. In France, too, people are continuing to buy consumer goods. Despite an inflation rate of about 12 per cent and unemployment running at about 1.4 million, consumers are flocking to the stores.

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ISRAELI ESCALATION

The Israelis are pushing their confrontation with the Palestinians, whether on the West Bank or in Lebanon, to the limit. They realize that the shift in the international community's attention to other explosive crises, such as Iran and Afghanistan, will end some time, and that the issue of the national rights of the Palestinians will return to the center of the stage. The interval, the Israelis seem to reason, has to be used to break the will of the Palestinian people so that no voice is raised against what Israel is planning for the West Bank and the other occupied territories.

That this is Israel's plan can be seen in Ezer Weizman's strange statement that Israel's notion of autonomy will be pushed through without the cooperation of the Palestinians. This explains the escalation of pressure on the towns and villages of the West Bank, as well as the raids on Lebanon. The failure of the "autonomy" talks with Egypt will only spur the Israelis on in their attack. For Sadat's decision means that the major problem of the Middle East will once more impose itself on the world.

On the West Bank, the Israeli tactic in the attempt to break down the Palestinians' will to resist has been the familiar mixture of carrot and stick. The West Bank mayors and religious leaders are sent into exile, but there are immediate hints that they will be allowed back in if they change their views. Towns and villages are placed under curfew, then feelers are extended to the National Guidance Committee to see if it is interested in a dialogue.

In Lebanon, a far bloodier game is being played. The Israeli army's raids into that country have the objective of bringing that boil to a boil, embroiling the PLO once more in that country's internal strife.



The retribution which Israelis so deeply fear

By Michael Adams

Driving out of Gaza two weeks ago we picked up a hitch-hiker, a 19-year-old Israeli coming to the end of his first year of military service. Before long, inevitably, the conversation turned to politics. Did he think that in exchange for peace Israel should return the occupied territories?

Hesitantly, he said that, yes, he did think so, but he had to keep quiet about it because hardly any of his companions in the army agreed with him.

What if his government decided to make peace, a peace which involved giving up the West Bank to an independent Palestinian state? If that happened, did he think that Israelis and Palestinians could settle down to live side by side, without fighting? He shook his head. Not yet, he said: not without "a big program of education." We pondered the answer: who did he mean would need educating before peace became possible? Eventually we asked him.

This time there was no hesitation. "Of course, the Israelis," he said, adding that his own generation had been brought up to believe that there could be no peace with the Palestinians, and that any concession to them would mean the destruction of Israel.

He was exceptional, of course, and he voiced a melancholy truth: that any attempt to build peace runs up against the obstacles of ingrained prejudice and fear. What the Israelis fear — and rightly — is retribution. Conscious that they have cheated the Palestinians of their birthright and then maligned them when they sought to recover at least a part of it, they find themselves like Macbeth "in blood stepp'd in so far... returning were as tedious as go o'er."

Israelis commonly seek to justify their treatment of the Palestinians by dwelling on the enormity of the Holocaust; but they are uneasily aware of a non-sequitur. One of their leading writers, Amos Elon (in his book *The Israelis: Founders & Sons*, exposed it when he wrote that "the punishment of the Arabs for the sins of Europe must burden the conscience of Israelis for a long time to come."

What is profoundly tragic about the present situation in the occupied territories is the fact that the Israelis are compounding the mistakes of the past. In a frantic attempt to forestall any settlement which might satisfy even the most moderate Palestinian demands, they are engaged in a constant process of expropriation and dispossession which provokes growing resistance; and as the rising star of the Israeli Labor Party, Yossi Sarid, said recently, "Resistance leads to repression, which strengthens the resistance, which leads to more repression; and one fine day we, the Israelis, will look at ourselves in the mirror and find unbearable the cruel and repulsive face we shall see reflected there."

For a growing minority of Israelis that day has already arrived. Very few of them see for themselves the daily evidence of repression; but they read both in the Hebrew and in the international press of Israeli troops breaking into Palestinian schools and colleges, beating staff and students, of curfews on villages and refugee camps; of Palestinian crops sprayed with defoliants; of leaders of the

Palestinian community insulted and abused (and now once again deported) by officers of the military government — and, above all, of the open disregard for the law shown by the fanatical settlers of Gush Emunim, with equally open support from inside the Israeli government. Some of them see where all this is leading, so that you find responsible Israelis talking freely these days of the drift toward fascism in Israel and you read in the press — not the fringe press, but the major national newspapers — such comments as this one by the editor-in-chief of *Devar* a month ago:

"There is now in Israel a large and growing public that feels completely fed up. There are plenty of sane people who are ready to man the barricades to avoid being sacrificed on the altar of fanaticism... We, the lukewarm, the formerly silent majority, will not permit the zealots of our time to bring disaster on this land, as did the zealots of almost 2,000 years ago."

For the moment, however, while they have ceased to be silent, they are not yet a majority, or anything like it. The repression and the brutality continue because most Israelis see nothing wrong with them — so long as they are exercised only against Arabs and so long as the ordinary law-abiding Israeli can leave such dirty work to be carried out on his behalf by others. (Here it is significant that a growing number of young servicemen are prepared to go to prison rather than perform their military service in the occupied territories.)

There has been a noticeable decline in the quality of the military government, especially in the higher ranks, since the early days of the occupation. As one Israeli, himself, a senior officer in the reserve, remarked to me, this is not surprising. "What officer with any prospect of a good career would take a job as a military governor?" he asked. As in

any similar situation, the chance to exercise unlimited authority over a subject population tends to appeal to men unsure of their capacity to exercise wider responsibility.

By contrast, the self-assertiveness of the extremists of Gush Emunim is very marked. Aware that they represent the only element in present-day Israel which is sure of its objective, and confident of the support they received from inside the cabinet, these fanatical settlers behave with an assurance which shows no more respect for Israeli law than for Arab susceptibilities. Indeed, they tell you openly that they operate under a higher law than that of the state, a divine law to which Jews and Arabs alike must defer. If the government, in the aftermath of the killings at Hebron two weeks ago, now tries to reassert its authority over them, it will find it hard to control the Frankenstein whose existence it has weakly permitted.

On the hilltop known as Jebel Kibir outside Nablus, a group from Gush Emunim has reconstituted the settlement of Elon Moreh, which was removed from its original site by order of the supreme court earlier this year. Over a group of prefabricated buildings a huge illuminated star of David proclaims their determination to impose a Jewish presence in this wholly Arab environment. They speak patronizingly, and sometimes contemptuously, of Menachem Begin, saying that when he came to power three years ago he openly encouraged their settlement activities, promising that if they disregarded the law he would see to it that the government turned a blind eye. Since then, they complain, he has betrayed them and tried to curtail their plans; but they make it plain that they intend to go ahead whether he likes it or not — and so far, apart from the single setback over Elon Moreh (which they intend to put right by resettling the original site

as soon as possible), they have had their way, defying the government along in their wake.

For many Israelis, the arrogance of the Gush Emunim settlers is disturbing. Involving as it is an open disregard for the law, it has threatening implications for Israel's future as a democracy: has done more than anything else to damage Israel's reputation in the eyes of the outside world including the all-important Jewish community in America.

For the Palestinians, of course, the fanatic Gush Emunim represent the spearhead of the whole apparatus of tyranny to which they are subjected and have been for the past 13 years. At the hands the Palestinians experience every day, injustice of seeing their lands taken from them, humiliation of being stopped and searched as they go about their business, the constant threat of physical assault and brutalization at the hands of lawless vigilantes.

The Gush Emunim settlers go about armed, they lose no opportunity to provoke and inflame the Palestinians. Unarmed, the Palestinians are defenseless against their attacks, as defenseless were the Jews in Germany when they were confronted by Hitler's bully-boys in the thirties: parallel is one which has begun to suggest to sensitive Israelis, like the journalist who used the expression *Kristallnacht* in describing the incident in Ramallah three weeks ago, a posse of settlers smashed the windows of a Palestinian car.

Nothing could be further from the authentic Jewish tradition than the behavior of these fanatics: could anything do more to invite the retribution which Israelis so deeply fear. It is tragic to see a nation led by so small a minority toward so fearful a destiny.

Bangladesh's tribes fight for survival

By Sumanda Datta-Ray

RANGAMATI, Chittagong Hill Tracts — Instead of celebrating their harvest festival, 500,000 Buddhists in Bangladesh's Chittagong Hill Tracts gathered in their monasteries to pray for justice. They were mourning the victims of a massacre in March in which President Ziaur Rahman's troops are accused of gunning down between 200 and 600 unarmed men and women.

The Buddhists of these remote, jungle-clad hills are convinced they are waging a battle for survival. The 5,093-square-mile region is wedged between Bangladesh, India and Burma. Its people, of Mongolian descent, migrated there from the northern Himalayas or, according to another version, from South-East Asia. Certainly their writing bears a striking resemblance to Cambodia's Khmer script.

The three main tribes (Chakma, Bohmong and Maung) are traditionally ruled by hereditary chiefs. The Chakmas are the most numerous and most advanced. Their ruler, Raja Devashis Roy, who celebrated his 21st birthday last month, holds modest court in a tin and bamboo matting "palace" on a riverine island that can be crossed only in the Raja's private paddle canoe.

The young prince is more interested in athletics and folk music (he has his own guitar band) than in politics, but he has to listen to endless petitions against harassment by Bangladeshi troops. To all he advises legal remedies.

The British left the Hill Tracts severely alone. The three chiefs collected house taxes, dispensed traditional justice in their tribal courts and paid only annual tribute to the deputy commissioner in Rangamati. East Pakistan tried to bring them under closer control, but abandoned the attempt in the face of mounting resistance.

But liberated Bangladesh has set about the task of cultural and religious integration with far greater determination. Dacca has not interfered with the chiefs' legal status but, in practice, their powers are rapidly being usurped. In effect, the Chittagong Hill Tracts have been placed under martial law, with 100,000 armed men to enforce it.

Ministers in Dacca refuse to discuss the mass murder. Most Bangladeshi newspapers are also discreetly silent. But private inquiries by an influential opposition MP, Salauddin Quader Chowdhury of the Muslim League, have established that the military was determined to exact vengeance for a killing about two months ago when angry tribesmen ambushed and slaughtered 22 soldiers.

Another local Upendra Lal Chakma, says that in retaliation the local army commander summoned Buddhists to an early morning meeting on March 25, ostensibly to discuss monastery repairs. Concealed in the surrounding bushes, his men opened fire on the unsuspecting crowd as soon as it had assembled. Survivors were pursued by settlers from the plains and backed to death with scythes.

Official encouragement of colonization by peasant

ants from the over-crowded plains of Com. Noakhali and Mymensingh is bitterly resented. newcomers belong to a different ethnic stock: threat is to land, language and religion.

"They are trying to encircle us and wipe out identity," said a Chakma student. Another explained that the government builds mosques in villages as soon as it has acquired 10 Mu families.

The Muslim population of the Hill Tracts rose 111 per cent between 1961 and 1974 (according United Nations sources) and now numbers about 200,000 or 40 per cent of the total. At this rate, Chakmas, Bohmong and Muangs will soon engulfed.

Another grievance relates to the Kaptai dam hydroelectricity project which submerged 62,000 acres of the best paddy land. Thousands of displaced peasants still exist in refugee camps. Har anything has been done to compensate them.

More than 100,000 Chakmas fled to India when the dam was completed. Those who remained were forcibly removed from their scattered huts and grouped into *adharsha gram*s or ideal villages, as new communities are euphemistically called. Chakmas refer to them as concentration camps. Since the people are slash and burn cultivators settled life automatically deprives them of the means of livelihood they know.

"All we want is local autonomy within Bangladesh," explain Upendra Lal Chakma and his friend. They are desperately anxious that the world should be informed of their plight. Sweden is believed have wound up a forestry project in the Hill Tracts to show disapproval of Bangladesh's treatment of its Buddhist minority. (OFNS)

Tribalism splits Malawi's army

By Victor Ndlovu

LONDON — Discord between Malawi's President Hastings Banda and his army chief, Gen. Graciano Mateweere, over tribal favoritism in the army, has led to the general's forced retirement.

The result has been to strengthen the positions of Banda and his own kinsmen.

Officially Banda left under rules which stipulate 50 as the retirement age for all Malawian public servants, but Mateweere is already 53 and no one had worried until the row.

Mateweere fell out of the 73-year-old president's favor over the sacking of two senior army officers.

According to reports from the capital, Lilongwe, Mateweere charged the two men with breaches of military discipline and ordered their dismissal without referring the case to the Military Service Commission, which usually deals with such matters.

Leading officials of the country's only political party, the Malawi Congress, complained to the

party's secretary-general, Bahuti Mluzu, who is a minister without portfolio.

Heintum reported to Banda. When the president quizzed Mateweere about the sackings, the general could not justify them to Banda's satisfaction, he said.

Several other officers had already left the army voluntarily because of differences with Mateweere. The evidence suggests that promotions in Malawi's military depends largely on ethnic or political pull — and that continues to be so.

The new army commander, Gen. Meli Khanga, comes from central Malawi, the home region of Banda and the two men sacked by Mateweere.

With the appointment of Khanga, the central region is now assured of key positions in the army and civil service. The police commissioner Mac Kamwana, is like Banda, a Chewa from central Malawi. The same province has also supplied a cabinet secretary, John Ngwira, and the external affairs secretary, Joe Kachingwe. (OFNS)

Saudi press review

Most newspapers Sunday led with Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer's press conference in Riyadh Saturday in which he highlighted the broad features of the Kingdom's Third Five-Year Development Plan. He said the plan will stress those projects of direct effect on the lives of citizens, and at the same time, it will safeguard Islamic values. Other papers devoted their lead story to the arrival of the French Defense Minister Yvon Bourges in the capital at the invitation of Prince Sultan, minister of defense and Aviation.

Newspapers frontpaged South Korean President Choi Kyu Hah's official visit to Saudi Arabia, which was to begin Sunday. They also highlighted Sheikh Nazer's press conference in which he explained the objectives of the second and third development plans. *Al Riyadh* highlighted on its front page a statement by the French defense minister in which he said the Saudi and French sides will discuss various aspects of

cooperation between the defense ministers of the two countries.

Al Medina and *Al Bilad* played on their front pages a statement by the South Korean foreign minister that his country might announce its recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) during the South Korean President's visit to Saudi Arabia.

Newspapers also gave front-page play to King Khaled's messages to the heads of state of South Yemen, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, and the monarch's patronage of a graduation ceremony at the military and technical institute of the National Guard next Wednesday.

Newspaper editorials generally dealt with the third development plan, saying the objective of the plan is the economic and social progress of Saudi Arabians. The papers urged every individual of the country to exert maximum effort for the plan's success.

In an editorial on the development plan, *Al Riyadh* said everyone who looks at the third

plan's figures will feel that a serious responsibility at the national level is awaiting him in the future. The paper lauded the state efforts in this area and said it has used all its enthusiasm and potentialities for the plan's success. It urged the citizens to bear the responsibility in the successful implementation of the plan, and reiterated that the plan's shift from increasing expenditure on the infrastructure to the productive sectors is indication enough that the country has stepped into a new stage of industrialization and self-reliance.

On the same subject, *Okaz* remarked that the new plan's great emphasis on the productive projects provide the bright features of the government efforts in glorifying the country and reinforcing its economy. The plan also shows that the country is capable of preparing scrupulous plans, the paper said, adding that a shift from the infrastructure to the productive stage by diversifying the resources is itself a miracle whose impact will reflect on the country's

future. *Al Medina* said in an editorial that the changing trend toward the productive side highlights the big and onerous responsibility that everyone in the country will have to bear for the success of the plan. The paper reaffirmed that the main aim of the plan is the economic and social progress of the citizens. It referred to the plan's concern for the Saudi Arabian woman and described the concern as an important step toward the utilization of the potentialities of women in accordance with divine laws.

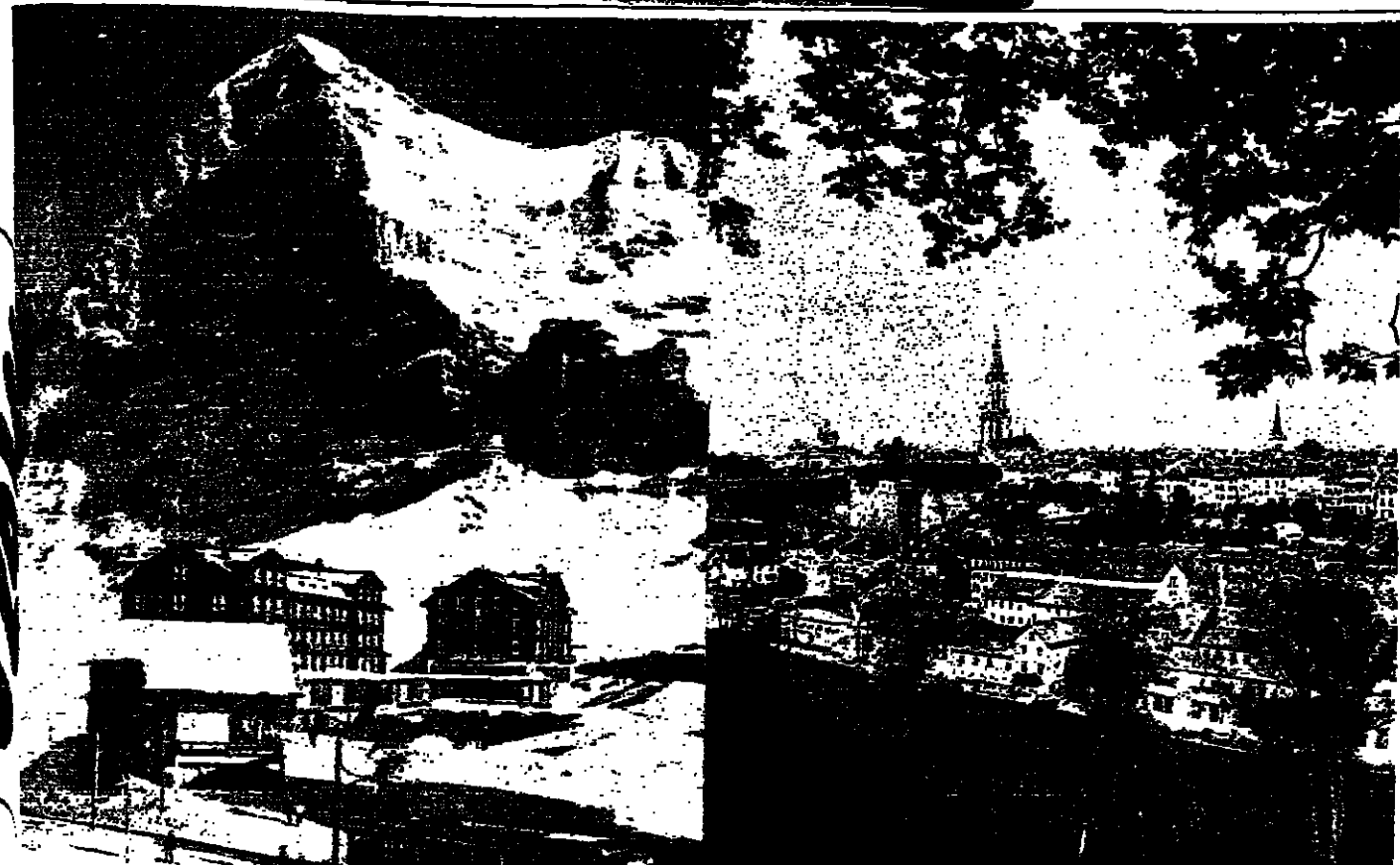
Dealing with the Saudi Arabian stance at the Taif Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries meeting, *Al Bilad* said the Kingdom's firm and objective approach has convinced all the member states that the Kingdom has always concerned itself with the interests of the human society as a whole, but quite detached from any pressures.

Al Nadwa dwelled on the French defense minister's current visit to

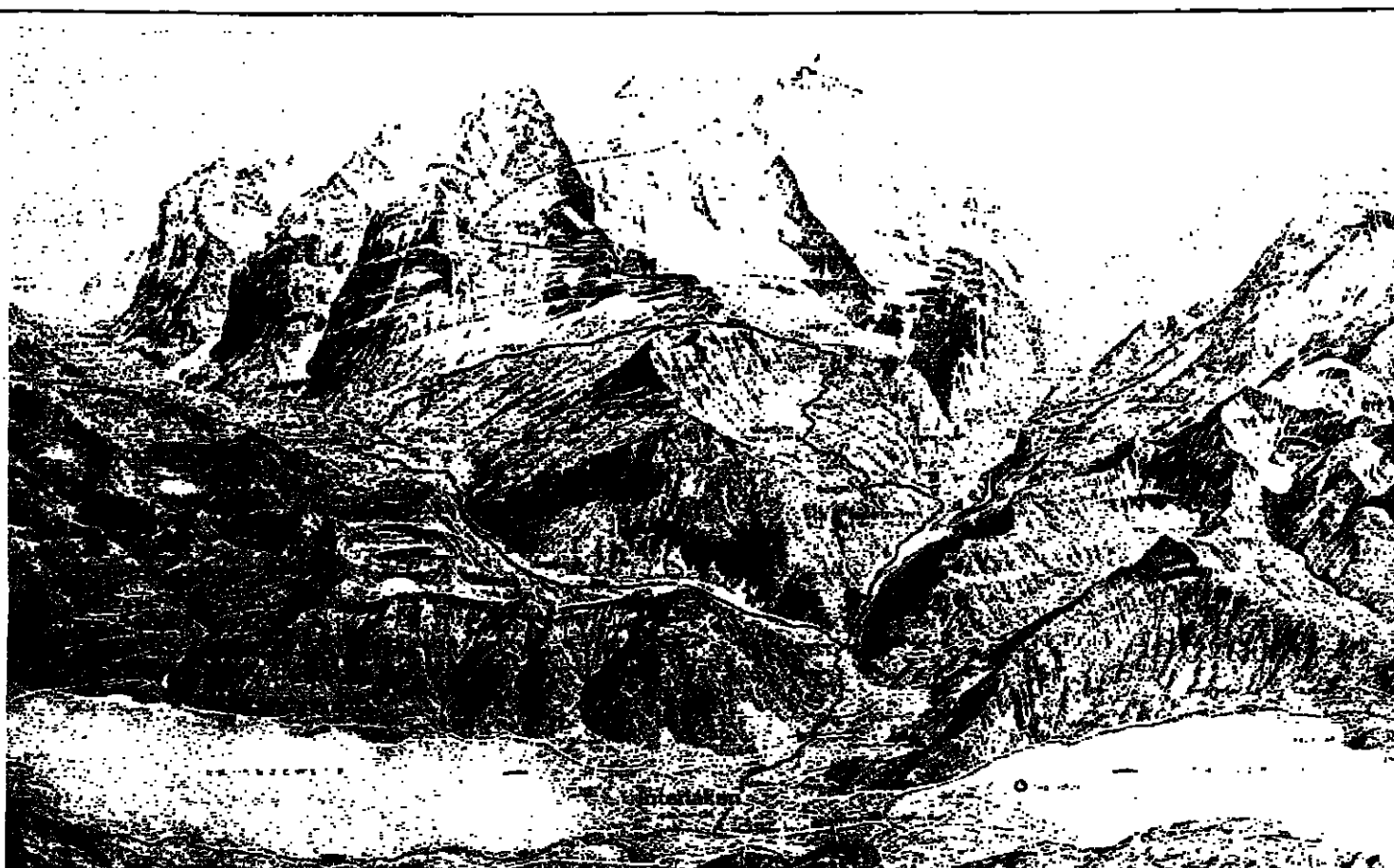
Saudi Arabia, saying it has taken place to reinforce comprehensive cooperation, of which military cooperation forms a vital part. The paper viewed that France can contribute richly in this sphere, especially in the wake of the liquidation of the Arab Arms Industry Organization. Saudi Arabia was a member of the AAIIO with the other Arab Gulf states. The paper reaffirmed that military cooperation could be instrumental in serving the immediate and long-range interests of the two sides, showing at the same time a bright picture of total cooperation based on freedom and friendship.

Dealing with the same subject, *Al Jazirah* said Franco-Saudi Arabian relations provide an excellent specimen of bilateral and collective relations within the framework of international law and U.N. Charter. The paper lauded France's policy toward the Middle East problem and said it was based on right and justice, unaffected by any national or partial interests.

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WONDERLAND: In the winter, Interlaken (left) is the headquarters of skiing enthusiasts in the Jungfrau region. The area extends from Grindelwald. First via the Kleine Scheidegg and Männlichen to Murren-Schilthorn. 17 ski lifts, seven mountain railways, three aerial bays, seven chairlifts and a bus network provide transportation for snow and sun-loving winter guests, making this region accessible for extensive excursions and hikes throughout the year. In the city of Bern (right) lies in the Aare, a river the Bernese love best of all.



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Interlaken: A Swiss tour of lakes and icy peaks

By Elias Haddad

INTERLAKEN — Squeezed between the Swiss lakes of Thunersee in the west and Brienzsee in the east, Interlaken is a urban starting point for the climb to the Jungfrau region's glaciers 3,454 meters above sea level.

From the town, punctual cog-wheel trains claw with hardly a jerk up rails fastened firmly to the steep slopes. On one side melting snow dribbles down rock cliffs to form brooks, then lakes. On the other, the land form is vivid with pine forests, undamaged by the railroad network or the parade of foreign visitors.

Swiss farmers rest on their hoes a while to return tourists' waves. All the way uphill from Interlaken, a panorama of Alpine scenes make a tourist think he is watching it all in cinema scope.

The trip ends at Jungfraujoch, the highest railway station in Europe. The station is at the end of a 7.1 km tunnel opened in 1912 — under the Eigerwand and Eismeer mountains. It took the Swiss 16 years of toil to burrow through the solid rock. One might be dismayed at the unplastered, ugly walls of the tunnel, but the ingenious Swiss have left them that way purposely. The rugged walls help absorb the train's noise.

At Jungfraujoch — the end of the line — the guide advises his group members against hasty movement. "Walk slowly," he says with a smile. "Your body must adapt to the low pressure at this point."

Soon after giving advice, he winks at a tourist to rest. The heart beats fast and breathing becomes so high up. Undisturbed by the "predicament" of the tourist, the guide keeps close to him while telling others the history of the tunnel.

Few minutes pass and the whole group starts walking again into another tunnel. This time it is not solid rock, but ice — a passage through a glacier on top of Jungfraujoch.

Inside the icy walls electric bulbs are strung at the joints from the two-meter high ceilings. No nails or screws are required, just lump of "softened" ice pasted on the wire to hold the bulb forever at a temperature below zero.

The tour inside the glacier leads to a terrace atop the mountain. On both sides of the elevated patio monstrous glaciers stretch more than 25 kms down the slopes of the Alps.

The scene is draped in dizzying white pierced by the sharp peaks: the Alps of Switzerland.

At this blinding Alpine summit, the tourist without sunglasses will never forget his mistake. But the grandeur of Switzerland's mountains makes the eyes greedy, and even if he borrows somebody's glasses he'll not want to take them off again.

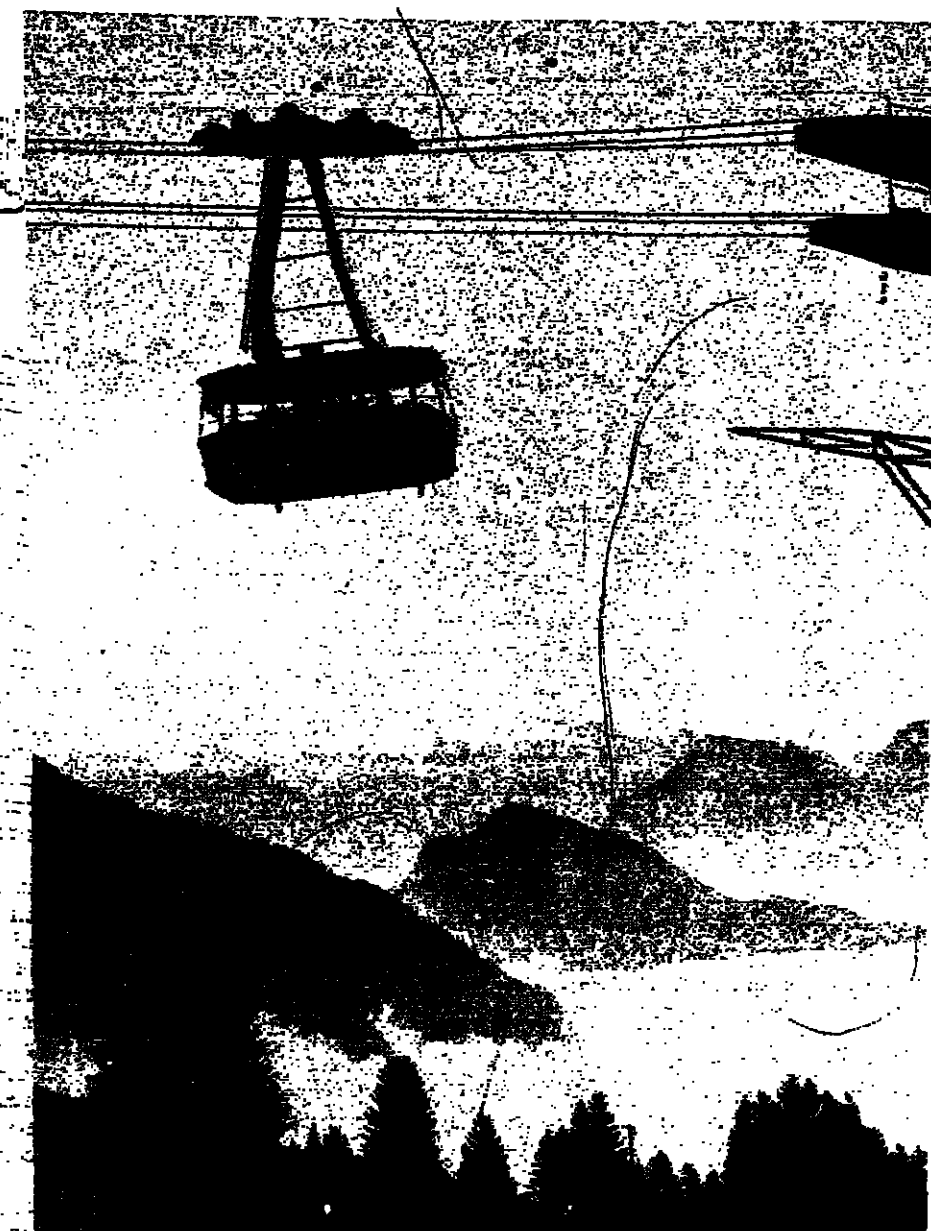
The descent trip begins after a hot meal at the Jungfraujoch restaurant and back through the tunnel. But at K.L. Scheidegg, the train takes another track to stop briefly at Grindelwald, a town right at the foot of the 2,865m Eigerwand mountain. Here, the mountain regains its panoramic proportions, and the visitor is awed again by its colossal size.

From Grindelwald the train continues descending, passing through other villages down to Interlaken. At the station group members leave their Swiss guide to take a ride by horse-carriage back to the Victoria-Jungfrau Hotel. The spell isn't broken, however, for the heated swimming pool of the 19th century hotel tempts the visitor to take a dive into its warm water before another sumptuous Swiss dinner.

In Switzerland one should not worry about carrying his luggage. Leave it packed in the hotel room and hitch yourself into the vehicle, and the luggage will be in the other hotel in Luzern, Bern, Zurich or which ever your destination is. Swissair knows how to make your trip delightfully unforgettable.



SUMMIT: A local train (bottom) takes Alpine explorers to the Jungfrau summit (above) for a unique view of the Jungfraujoch/Bernese Oberland.



AL VIEW: The aerial cable car of Weggli-Rigi-Kathed overcomes a difference of 3,300 feet in seven minutes and offers a wonderful view on the mountains in rural Switzerland.

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From Tabuk to Haleyt Ammar

In search of Lawrence's train and the Hejaz line

By a Staff Writer

TABUK — This time last year a friend went on vacation to London. Before he left he asked if I needed anything and I said *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, giving him detailed instructions that it must be clothbound, illustrated and unabridged. He performed well. The 1976 Jonathan Cape edition he brought had on the jacket a line of camels crossing a dune at sunset — first sign of fascination to come. During the month I lingered over Lawrence, not wanting his story to end, he began finding his way into conversations at the office, at dinner, by the pool, and especially in the

to the chin in the dark I heard prayer call over the roofs of the town.

At noon, with the heat of the day arrived, I walked from the Al-Saadeh Hotel to the highest point in the town and there found a stone castle with firing slits in the walls. Turkish, and a good place for a fort. The brown country stretched below, flat and crossed with gullies. From there I could see more brown granite buildings all in a row. I found a depot, warehouses, a water tower, and three houses for staff, their windows bricked now and housing goats.

A Briton called, "Don't be sneaking up on our camp!"

had worked in Australia. Now he was over-seeing the laying of communications cable. "Oh," he said as we got up to go, "wear this," and handed me a blue baseball cap.

No sooner did he drop me at the Jordan Road than a citizen pulled up in a green Toyota. "Jordan," I said. He pointed to 100 on the speed dial. Yes. I nodded, 100 kilometers to the train. He gave a frown and rubbed his fingers; it was a question of money, not distance. I offered 300 riyals, which delighted him, and off we went, not knowing one another's languages enough to ask names.

Lawrence had ranged the land outside the window. It is in patches black-pebbled, rocky, sandy soft, shaly. Mountains follow on the right an hour's walk from the road. From them the land seems gradually to slide low, and the idea I got looking left was that beyond the ground haze lay the sea. Just like Birds said, a cluster of tin houses — the road signs read Hallet Ammar — appeared over a rise with the squarish low border post in the distance. The driver balked as the car hit ruts. I urged him on, but he braked and shook his head. The buildings were around us and soft sand ahead. To make sure he stayed I handed him half the fare, then set out.

Walking soft sand is as exasperating as walking snow. The effort expended bears no relation to ground gained. I spent twenty minutes slogging uphill. But the sight from the top was gratifying. There below stretched the track.

Something had happened here. Jutting from a dune was a twisted ribbon of rails and ties. Following the track I found metal in shards by the embankment.

A shout. My driver was skipping down the slope to me, smiling. He traced the track line with a comprehending swing of the arm, then took my hand. We would walk together, so onward in the sun and silence.

A hole appeared in the track ahead, ties gone and rails bent. Lawrence wrote of an action near Hallet Ammar. There followed a terrific roar, and the line vanished from sight behind a spouting column of black dust and smoke a hundred feet high and wide. An ambulance train hauled by two locomotives had been dynamited. From the rocks the Beduin had cut down the soldiers as they ran. Lawrence mentions the train carried women, but doesn't tell their end. Our pace quickened. We climbed a dune obscuring the track on a rock cut and from the top saw the station, its roof burned off, solitary in the squinting light. The last hundred meters we nearly ran.

The station, of the same rough-hewn granite, had four rooms before the walls fell. A single door faced the track, though around meters of sand, then rock. A "little hill post," Lawrence called it.

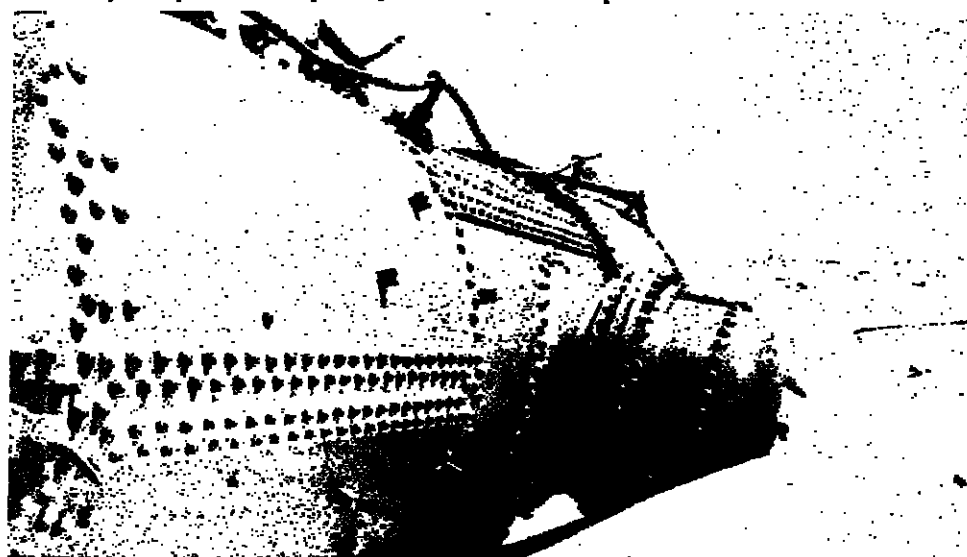
I could see the locomotive down the track. My driver, bored, was pointing to his watch. Only a minute more, I gestured, and leaving him seated in the shade hurried over the sand.

The engine lay on its side with front, back, and wheels shattered. In sun so strong the rivets cast shadows.

That night in Tabuk I bought honey pastry and oranges and went to the hotel. The dining room was dark out of respect for prayers. A light in the pantry glanced on the oil paint and window glass. I picked my way through ghosts of tables where shadows hunched

around amber reflections of tea. As I sat the waiter spoke, and then I saw him at my elbow in a long robe, barely visible. He brought tea. The others whispered and my thoughts wandered back north. Lawrence had put the attack on the train four miles north of Hallet Ammar. Did the Turks haul the ruined engine to the station? Did I miss the real wreck in my haste? Of the explosion when the

train crossed the charge Lawrence wrote: "Out of the darkness came shattering crash and long, loud metallic clanging of ripped steel, with many lumps of iron and plate while one entire wheel of a locomotive whirled up suddenly black out of the clouds against the sky, and sailed musically over on heads to fall slowly and heavily into the desert behind."



LAWRENCE DID THIS: A Turkish locomotive, its driving gear twisted, lays on its side in the sand near Hallet Ammar near Saudi Arabia's border with Jordan. T.E. Lawrence and his Arab raiders dynamited it in World War I.

desert. I was in Riyadh in those days working at a camp about 12 miles out. Lawrence's battles with the Turks in the Hejaz seemed to live on the burning dunes and in cool wadis where camel feasted on thorn. Friends asked to read it too. We had a Lawrence revival going.

Interest in *Seven Pillars* stayed strong, so recently when Saudia, the Kingdom's airline, flew me to Tabuk to have a look around I decided I wanted to see the Hejaz Railway. The narrow-gauge line connected Medina and Damascus before the Arabs and Lawrence put an end to it with crude detonators and cake explosives.

I didn't know where the railroad was but I'd seen pictures in a book: busted track and rolling stock broken on the sand. I decided to wander. A cab driver bundled in a blanket against the cold took me down a narrow street where a light burned behind stained glass in a courtyard. A tap on the glass roused the doorman, who led me to a room on the second floor. There was no heat. Shivering, I took the blanket from the other bed and threw it over the one I already had. Bundled

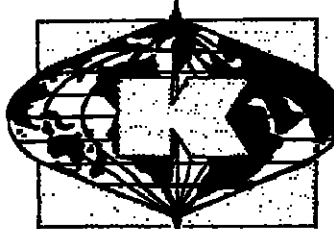
This was George "Dick" Birds, an engineer with a firm called Norconsult. He and two South Koreans from Dong Ah Construction had been walking the side of the buildings where track should have run, but where their camp stood instead. Birds was delighted to hear I wanted the Hejaz line. He opened his office, made coffee, said I'd come to the right place.

"You must go see the Lawrence train," he said. "You can do it in an afternoon."

He drew some red lines on a sheet of bond: "Here's the Jordan Road — I'll take you there. Hitch a ride north and keep going until you see the border station and on the left will be two gas pumps. No station, mind, just the pumps. Curve around them into a village of tin huts. Drive till you hit soft sand. You'll have to get out and walk. Go over the lip of rock — it's just a mile or two — and down there's the Hejaz. If you walk south you'll find the train and a station and guardposts."

He showed me a Polaroid of him sitting on a busted locomotive. "There, keep it in case you don't find the place." Birds sat on the desk with a wistful look. "Wish I could go with you." He was a bachelor from Wales.

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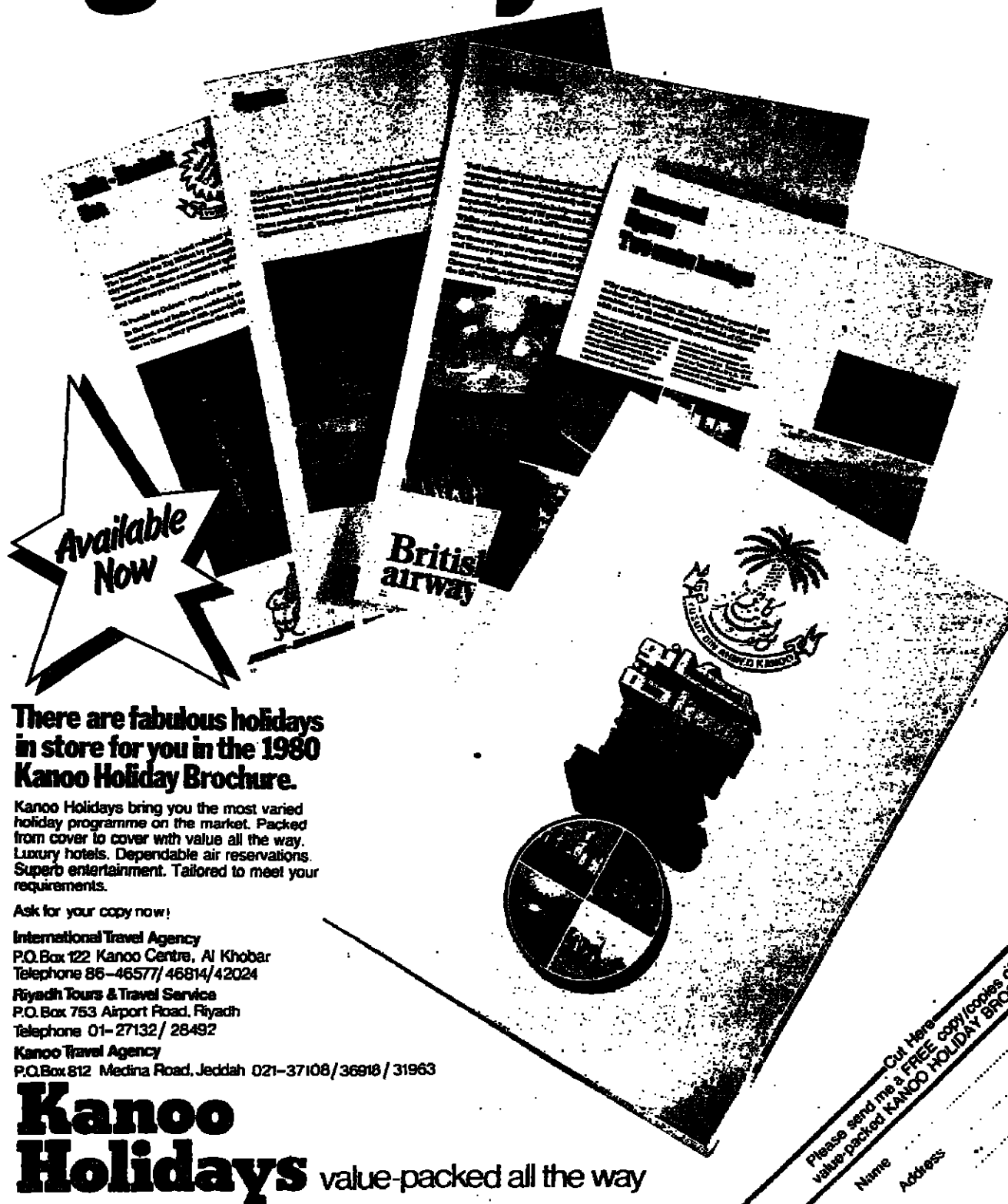
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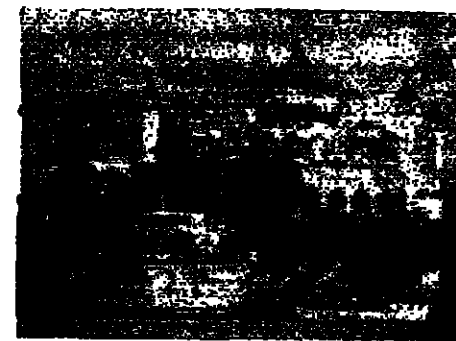
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By Moe Howard
RIYADH-JEDDAH — Two pronounce-
 ments by a wise friend saw me by car from
 adh to Jeddah: "The desert provides"
 "If thy leg offend thee, cut it off." The
 pd hiked and camped the high desert and
 men in and out. Finding ourselves far
 n camp and thirsty one day, he stepped
 und a bush and plucked up a plastic bottle
 full. He drank and handed it to me. The
 er was sweet. This is when he made his
 pronouncement. He made the second

'Desert provides' Riyadh-Jeddah:like driving an alley

for the other at Mecca, which is not. The road
 is two-lane its entire length, smooth, and
 straight. My Volvo, 10 years old, made the
 650 kilometer trip at a limp, with occasional
 bursts of energy. After plummeting down the

the water is bubbling, throw in twelve pinches
 of grounds. Remove the tin to a cool place.
 The grounds will fall to the bottom in ten
 minutes leaving you hobo coffee. In the
 Depression, hoboes strained out the grounds
 for re-use. On the trip I did not. Take along
 five gallons of drinking water for the coffee,
 for washing, and for keeping your throat wet.

GASOLINE: Truck traffic on the road is
 heavy; gas pumps at every town. The towns
 are between 75 and 125 kilometers apart, so
 it's practically impossible to drain a fuel tank
 if you top off as you go. The station at Shaqra
 is a Bullet-Stream-O-Matic straight out of
 the American Forties, the sort now cele-
 brated in pop art picture books.

BREAKDOWNS: Pickups carrying hay,
 sacks of flour, firewood seem always in sight,
 and if not them party-colored Mercedes
 trucks top-heavy with boxes. As soon as I
 threw the hood up and bent over the engine
 horns sounded and vehicles slowed. With
 hand signs people asked my status. A wave
 back told them thanks, not yet. I never felt
 alone on the highway and despite the car's
 troubles didn't fear getting stranded.

**RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODA-
 TION:** Shops in the desert towns sell canned
 goods. The American beans and Danish
 franks are reliable bets as they taste the same
 cold as cooked. In the Stream-O-Matic com-
 plex at Shaqra was a coffee and hooka parlor
 and a row of sleeping rooms. Above the man-
 tles were inscriptions in Arabic. Beyond the
 last door two cows chewed grass sprouting at
 a break in a water pipe. That was the only
 accommodation I saw. Having set out at
 dawn in a good car I'd have made the coast by
 dark. But as it was I reached Ad Dawadimi,
 drove beyond it and pulled onto a gentle rise
 where thorn trees grew. The sand was midd-
 ling soft and twigs lay about. I scooped a hole,
 bunched newspaper, heaped kindling, and
 with the strike of a match had my cookstove.
 Beef stew, crackers, peaches as dusk fell. In
 the distance the party trucks ground by
 decked with colored lights. A cold wind blew
 and a full moon rose to cast shadows strong as
 midday. It was New Year's Eve. Hobo coffee
 drunk from a tea glass was my little celebra-
 tion. Before traveling, I had bargained in the
 Riyadh suq for a couple Indian mats. The last
 time I slept on them was kindergarten nap
 time. I had never thought of sleeping
 UNDER them but that night on the back seat
 I did and was quite comfortable.

SIGHTS:
 The way, very unlike an alley, is crammed
 with them. They begin just outside Riyadh
 where the road shoots down a ramp to a
 canyon floor. All the way to Darma ribbed
 cliffs on the right follow level as a garden
 hedge. A pink band like daybreak crosses the
 rim of the horizon: dunes. They extend to
 Marah and a strawberry-colored hump tall as
 twenty houses. Stuck on it like sliced almonds

are trapezoids of flat rock. There are rocks of
 magnificent proportions and familiar shape:
 tree stumps, fire hydrants, fists, pencil points,
 knife blades. Three tall fingers deliver a Boy
 Scout salute to the sky. From Shaqra blank

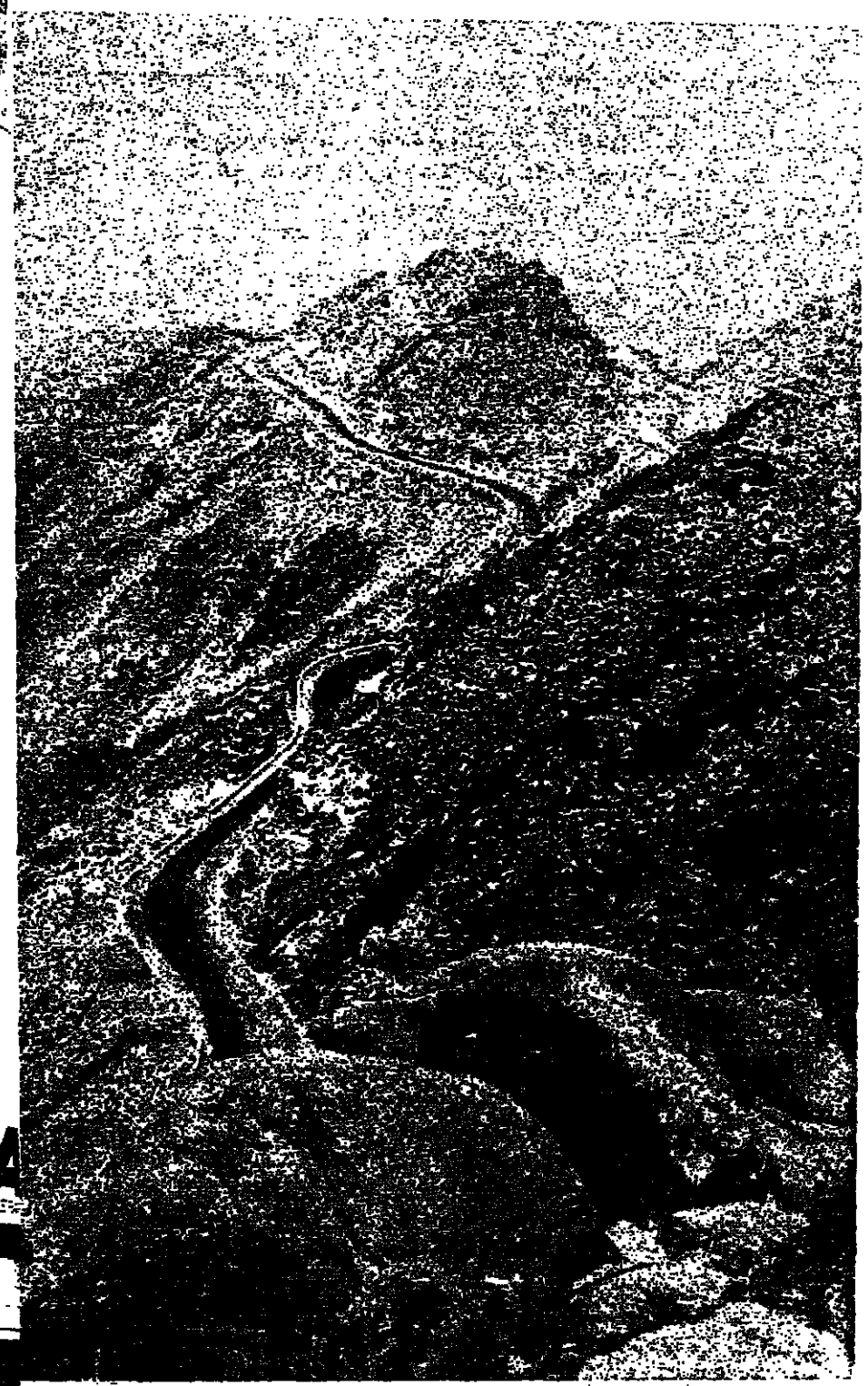
desert stretches as far as Ad Dawadimi,
 where suddenly dark slabs break the surface,
 rising and filing like the graph of a bad busi-
 ness year. The road descends 2,000 feet at
 Taif from the plateau to the coastal plain.
 Behind, clouds curl around gray crags and
 hawks wheel. Far below spreads greenery
 like a haze.

HITCHHIKERS: An Arab by a pickup flag-
 ged me. In broken English supplemented by
 hand signs he asked me to take a friend to
 Afif. I assented and a small man bundled in a

brown robe was signaled forward. He sat
 himself stiffly on the back seat.

"Afif?"
 "Afif."

"You live there?"
 He went blank. We had exhausted our
 supply of common language. But soon the
 man felt relaxed enough to stretch and then
 he sang. It was a mournful song of great sim-
 plicity. Like the desert it seemed endless, but
 it filled space and in Afif we shook hands
 good-bye like old friends.




PENTINE HIGHWAY: The Riyadh — Jeddah road snakes down the rugged face of
 central plateau at Taif, affording motorists a succession of striking vistas.

running a motorbike into a wall. He still
 slight limp and often repeats the words
 glaring at the offending ankle.
 made the trip in winter, can't imagine
 ng it in dust and heat. Pilgrims flood the
 to Mecca in autumn, and their numbers
 them from the sandstorms of that sea-
 in December the sun is weak and the
 brisk. The desert seems a friend.

NOTE: Getting from Riyadh to Jeddah
 y as driving an alley. But for two paved
 ffs you point yourself west, drive, and
 at the other end. The first, to Khuff, is
 marked. Non-Muslims must watch out

slope of the plateau at Taif it breathed its last
 and had to be towed the rest of the way. A
 new, well-tuned car is better. As the car fal-
 tered I attempted repairs with a wrench
 bought in one town, a screwdriver in the
 next... the desert did provide. "Die, die," I
 finally said, remembering my friend's second
 pronouncement, and the car complied. I took
 a valise to the roadside and stuck out my
 thumb. Some Swedes picked me up. They
 drove me right to my doorstep.

PROVISIONS: Canned peaches, pears,
 stews, crackers, chocolates. Fresh coffee and
 a tin for boiling water on an open fire. When



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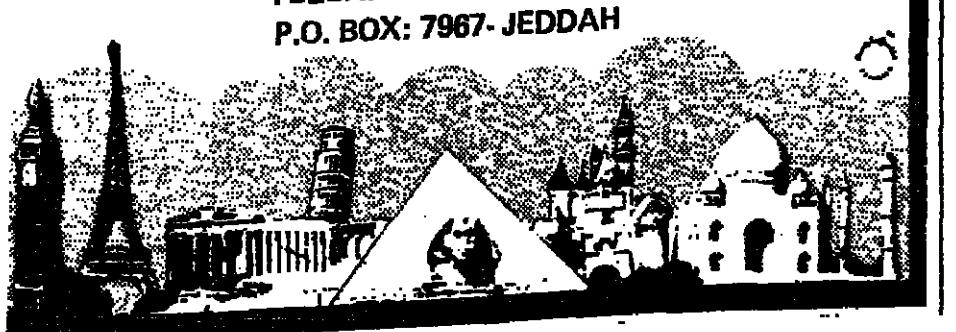
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Seafood, white sandy beaches beckon in Wejh

By Jenny Cook

WEJH — The small fishing village of Wejh is a cluster of white houses perched on a promontory jutting out into a very blue Red Sea, a long, but easy eight and a half hour drive north from Jeddah.

The Wejh coastline is generally straight but small and protected inlets have formed where wadis empty into the sea. From the white sandy beaches, you can walk out onto the reef, never more than 40 meters offshore, to see waters teeming with brilliantly colored fish.

In the rocks, which are barely submerged during high tide, are crabs. In the winter months, the crabs are a reddish-brown color and not hard to catch with bare hands, with a cloth bag and a small stick to flush them out of their rock hideouts. Lobsters and shrimp have also been trapped easily in these waters and even small, tasty oysters may be found in the rockier reef areas.

A lone angler hooks a number of fish by just dropping a line with a morsel of goat for bait, right over the edge of the reef. Where the reef is exceptionally wide, fishermen sometimes stake out a long net that curls into the current. At high tide fish swim into the spiral maze and then at low tide the nets are closed off when the men may scoop up the live fish in buckets to take to market.

Behind, old reefs rise like steps, high and dry above the waterline. These cliff-like beaches create protected and private beaches, covered with shells and coral that are eroding out of these reefs.

In some of the bays along the Wejh coast, the modern reef has grown across the outlet, creating small, salty ponds that are fun to wade in and safe for children to play in. Camping is possible almost anywhere along this coast on the beaches or farther inland in the dry wadi beds, protected by rocky hills of the uplifted reefs. Driftwood is everywhere for fires and some of the wadis have small groves of date palms or acacias.

Where the water table is high enough, the bedouin of the area dig shallow wells and irrigate small areas of the larger wadis to grow vegetables.

On the landward side of these old reefs are long gently-sloping gravel plains traversed by braided wadis which makes overland travel bumpy. To reach the beaches, one must leave the main asphalt road which ends at Wejh, and cross these plains keeping an eye westward for a dry wadi to enter as a passage through the rocky cliffs. These cliffs or old reefs rise from three to 50 meters above and parallel to the coast. They are the result of very recent uplift caused by movement along geologic faults. This uplift is a continuation of the movements responsible for the separation of Arabia from North Africa which began more than 40 million years ago. That separation formed the basin of the Red Sea.

Large herds of camel, always under the watchful eye of their bedouin owner, roam across these inland plateaus near Wejh. Off in the distance to the east looms the range of dissected escarpment mountains. At twilight they become misty purple shadows.

Not far away is a large, well-preserved Turkish fort, a drive up the wide, dry and unpaved wadi directly west from the village

about 10 miles. It is a square, walled enclosure with four cylindrical rock towers at the corners. Nearby are the graves of Turkish soldiers who died in the battle against the Arabs in 1916. One of Sharif Hussein's armies, led by the Amir Faisal, moved north to Wejh in January of that year, and with the help of the Royal Navy, occupied the port of Wejh.

Now there are isolated bedouin encampments in those same sandy valleys.

Favored by a natural deep harbor, the village of Wejh has the same flavor of a small Mediterranean fishing settlement, at first glance. Its whitewashed houses are simple and rectangular. Only a few of the larger

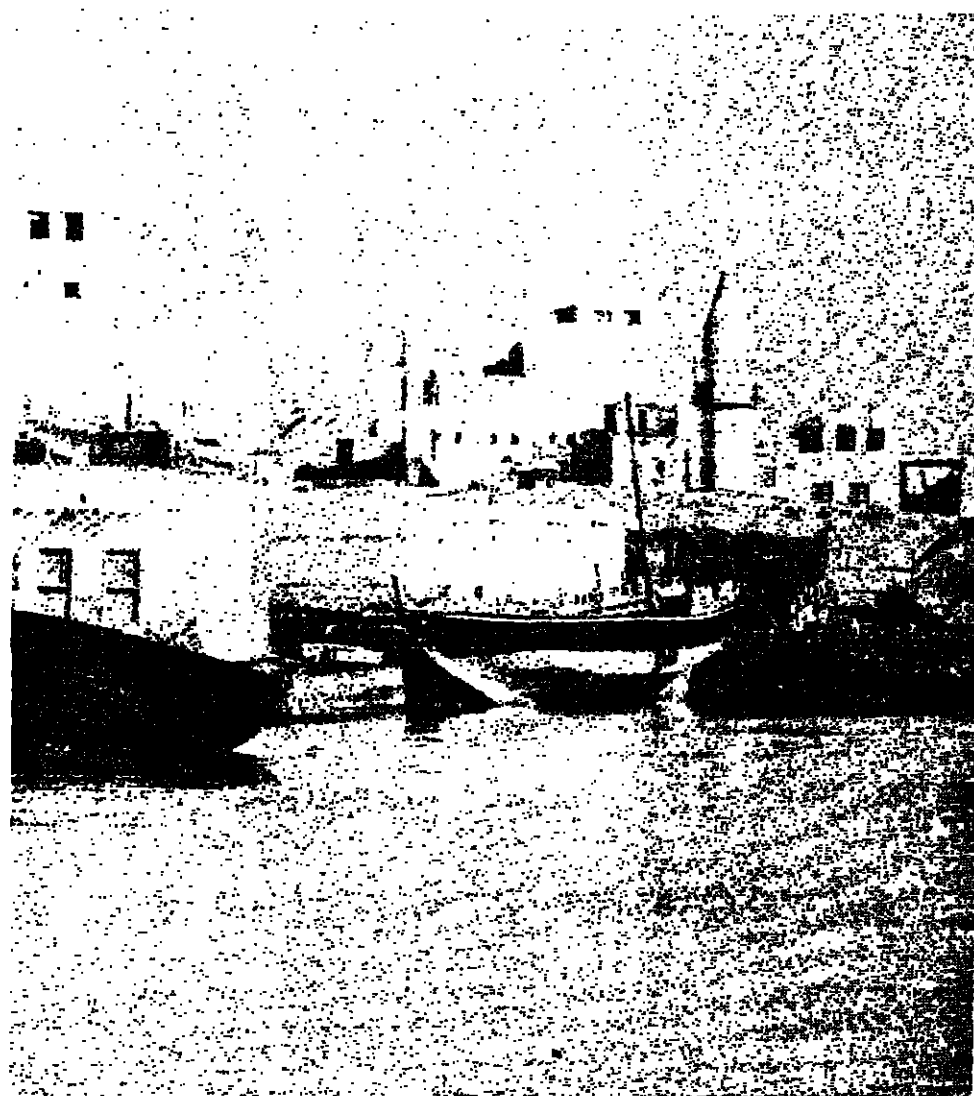
buildings have the Islamic features of crenelated roofs and arabesque arches. Windows are placed seaward to draw in the cool afternoon breezes. The minarets are also simple: one, for example, is a white cylinder tapering gently to a point at the top.

The morning's catch may be bought from fishermen right off the dock area which is ringed by wooden fishing boats. The actual souq, however, is farther up the sloping hill in the newer part of Wejh.

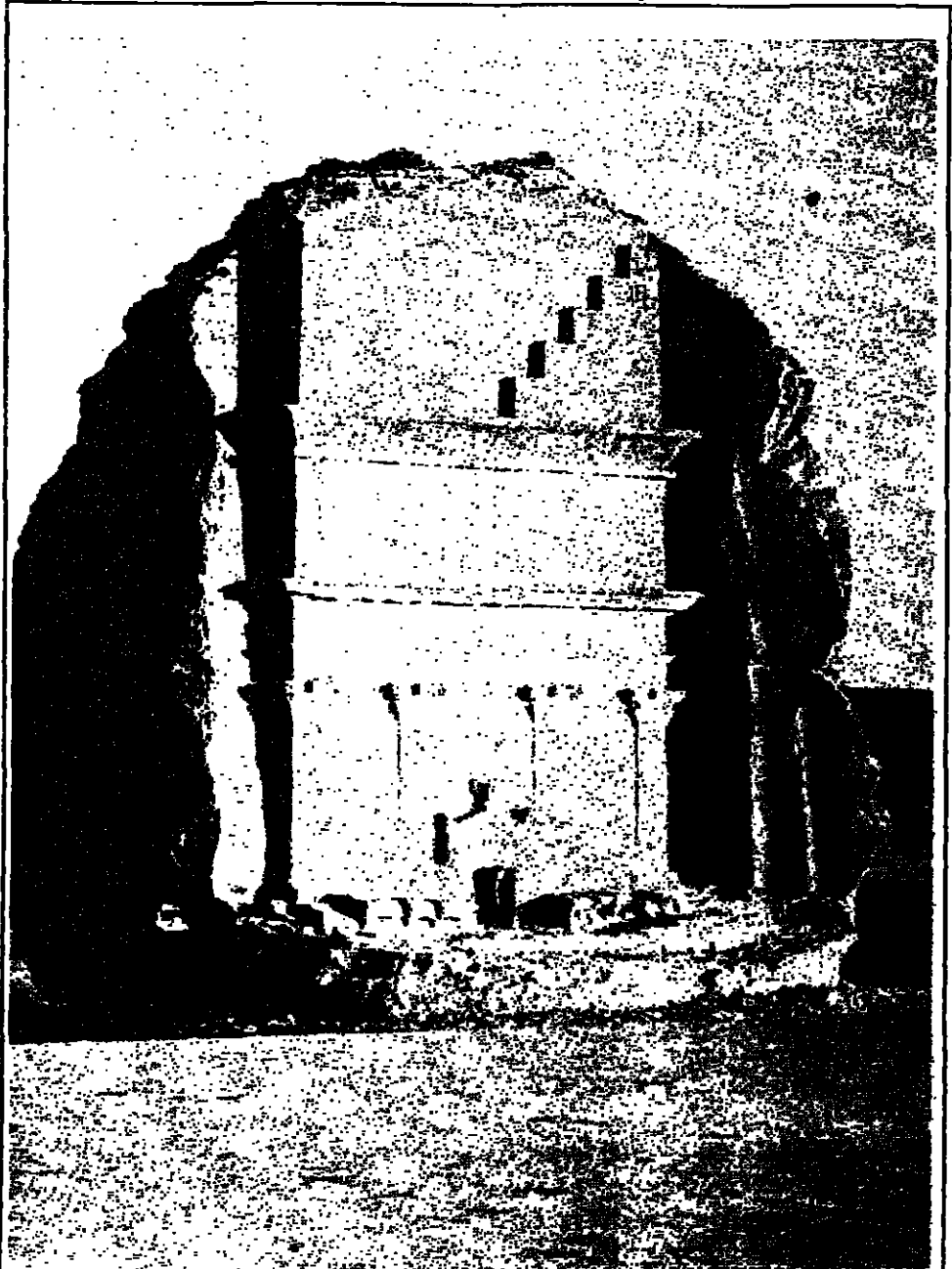
Fresh vegetables and fruits are sold from stands in a low cement building, a solitary structure in a large empty lot off to the right as you enter the new part of town on the road from the airport. To the left other shops are

hidden in a maze of small streets. The foods are available there and the sellers are courteous. A baker sells his daily which he passes out of an open window to customers. The loaves are as long as French baguettes and have the same crust.

In this same area there is a restaurant both indoor and outdoor tables. Across the street is an outdoor tashouse, with cushioned benches and old wooden pipes. The souq in Wejh does not have a section where jewelry and gold are sold, an indication that the area has been frequently visited by outsiders.



CHARACTER: The unique charm of Saudi Arabia's Red Sea coast is illustrated by such fishing towns of Wejh, where peaceful communities linking Red Sea trade and fishing with the interior have survived for centuries. Offshore, parts of this coast are skirted by coral reefs, breeding grounds of many varieties of brilliantly colored fish.



ANCIENT: Madain Saleh, though built by Nabataean Arabs, was strongly influenced by the architecture of Greece. This northwestern Arabian twin of Petra was built to forestall the Romans in their attempt to take over the spice and frankincense trade, which the Nabataeans controlled. This ruin still stands outside of Abaha.



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Hofuf: oasis filled with more than running water

By Scott Pendleton

HOFUF — Expatriates in the Eastern Province who want to explore Saudi Arabia usually start with a trip to Hofuf.

Many never seek farther than that. Hofuf is not only readily accessible, it boasts a variety of attractions, including date groves, flowing springs, caves and native markets that make it a place to visit again and again.

Finding these attractions can be a bit of a problem, though. If you don't plan to travel with someone familiar with the area, you will need some sort of guidebook. Perhaps the most useful is "a guide to Hofuf and the Jebel Qara area of the Al-Hasa Oasis," a 20-page loose-leaf volume by William A. Goellner. A former Aramco, Goellner led over 100 trips to Hofuf. Copies of his guidebook are kept in the Aramco headquarters library.

Goellner notes that Hofuf was the administrative capital of the al-Hasa province until 1953. That year the name of the area was changed to the Eastern Province, and its capital moved to Dammam. Though the city is at least a thousand years old, though, as Goellner points out, that doesn't put it in the same league as cities like Jericho that have passed 8,000 years.

In *A Guide to Hofuf*, Goellner explains the origin of the Oasis: "All of the major springs of the al-Hasa Oasis are artesian and owe their existence to the Tuwaiq Escarpment catchment basin near the city of Riyadh. The eastward dipping strata traps the rainwater in aquifers which reach the oasis with sufficient hydrostatic head to provide strong flowing wells." He adds that Aramco engineers have calculated that it takes 15,000 years for the water to make the journey.

Fortunately, travelers from the Dammam-Dhahran-Al-Khobar triangle, can make it in just 2 hours by taking the road to Riyadh. Plan to start early, as shammal season is beginning, and traffic in the Riyadh-bound lanes is often impeded by drifts of sand several feet deep.

After passing through Abqaiq, watch the

Hofuf turnoff on the left. This stretch of road takes you through some fascinating countryside where jebels have been wind-sculpted into colossal monoliths, the blowing sands puts them in a soft focus that accents their other-worldliness.

If you are traveling in a 4-wheel drive vehicle, you can turn off the road anywhere to get closer to these formations. If traveling by car, proceed, but cautiously. There's no danger of getting stuck, but the terrain is quite uneven.

The jebels may be climbed, but wear tennis shoes or hiking boots. Again, be very cautious. The stones are extremely brittle. Anyone standing at the edge of a precipice would

iron rail fence. This is the small animal market, and in the extreme corner is the camel market. As summer is approaching, arrive before 8 a.m. to see transactions in progress. By 9 a.m. the market will be closed.

To find the other suqs, return to Abqaiq-Hofuf road and continue in until you come to the Rawdah Hotel. This is a good time to park, as you are in the center of commerce for a splendid variety of merchandise.

This is also the location of the Oasr Kut, a turreted fortress of crushed limestone covered over with mud plaster. According to Goellner, the Oasr Kut was constructed in

The Oasr Kut is closed to the public. But visitors are in an excellent area to shop for scimitars, daggers, old pistols and rifles, coffee pots, articles of Arab clothing, jewelry, incense, carpets of camel wool, and just about anything else. Alas, with every tourist that passes through Hofuf the prices go up, but don't be afraid to bargain.

The different suqs are in sprinkled around the traffic circle adjacent to the Rawdah Hotel. If using Goellner's guidebook, take a compass since his directions are usually in terms of compass points.

If you don't have a compass, then proceed uphill three blocks against the one-way traffic, with the Rawdah Hotel and the Oasr Kut to your right, until you see the covered market on your left. This is a fascinating structure of whitewashed arches facing the street, with scores of merchants' stalls inside. Here you can find clothing, carpets, spices and some antique relics. Just browsing is a remarkable experience. The covered market seems all the more exotic for its roof of hand-quartered palm logs or woven palm fronds. The latter have lattice-like openings at intervals, which allow shafts of sunlight to puncture the dim alleyways.

Further up the street is the women's suq, where bedouin jewelry, henna and articles of women's clothing, including veils are sold. Photographers are advised to use discretion at all times.

It is likely that a trip to the camel market and suqs would take an entire day. Nevertheless, try to save time to visit the jebel qara. This is reached by driving northeast from Hofuf, through the palm groves until you find the main irrigation canal. Follow this until the jebel comes into view.

The Jebel al-Qara boasts the fantastic shapes encountered on the way to Hofuf, as well as several caves. On the west side is a cave where local potters practice their craft. On the east side is a much larger cave that is safe to explore. This is roundly considered to be one of the most popular attractions of the oasis.



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find himself at the bottom in short order. You will know you're nearly to Hofuf when you begin to see vast palm groves. Continue through the first town, Mubarratz, and on to Hofuf.

To get to the camel market, turn right at the technical school sign. Follow the road past the train station and Petromin plant until you see a yellow cement wall topped by an

1551. Above the walls can be seen the domed roof of the Mosque of Ibrahim, reputed to have been built by Ibrahim Pasha, the Turkish military leader of the late 1800s.

Goellner remarks that King Abdul Aziz besieged the Turks in the Oasr Kut in 1913 and forced their surrender. He allowed them to march to the Gulf, from where they sailed back to Turkey.

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SCENES: An old mosque (top) reflects the Turkish influence in the area. A man's son walks up the steps of his house situated in the thick growth of the oasis. The oasis as a backdrop (bottom) local villagers gather to barter for sheep.

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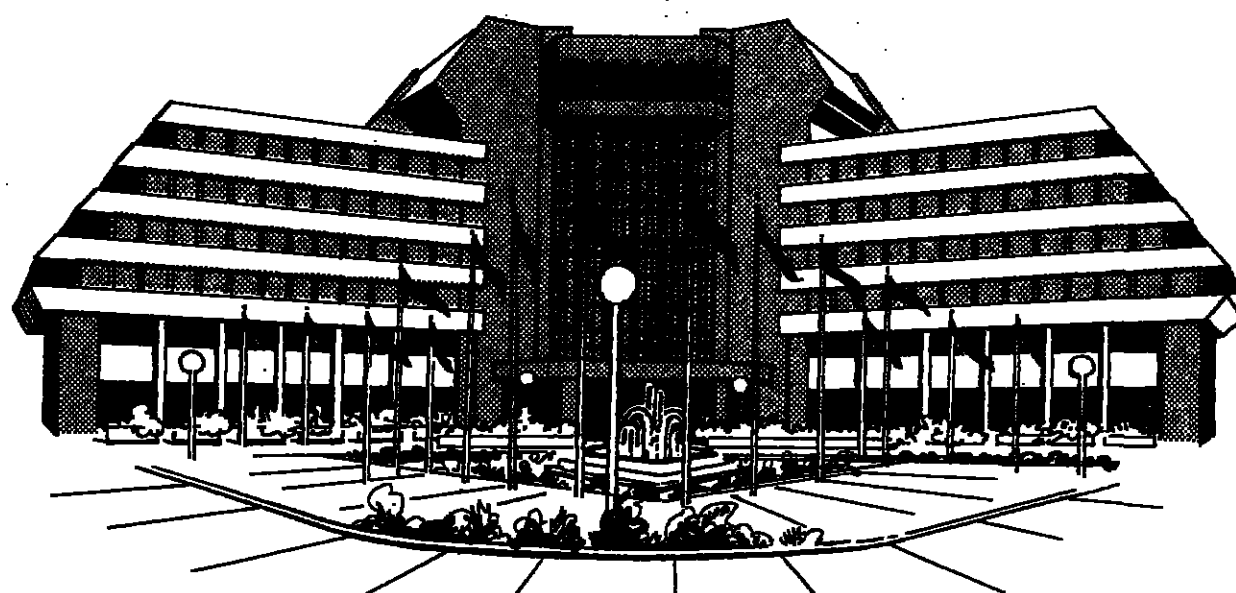
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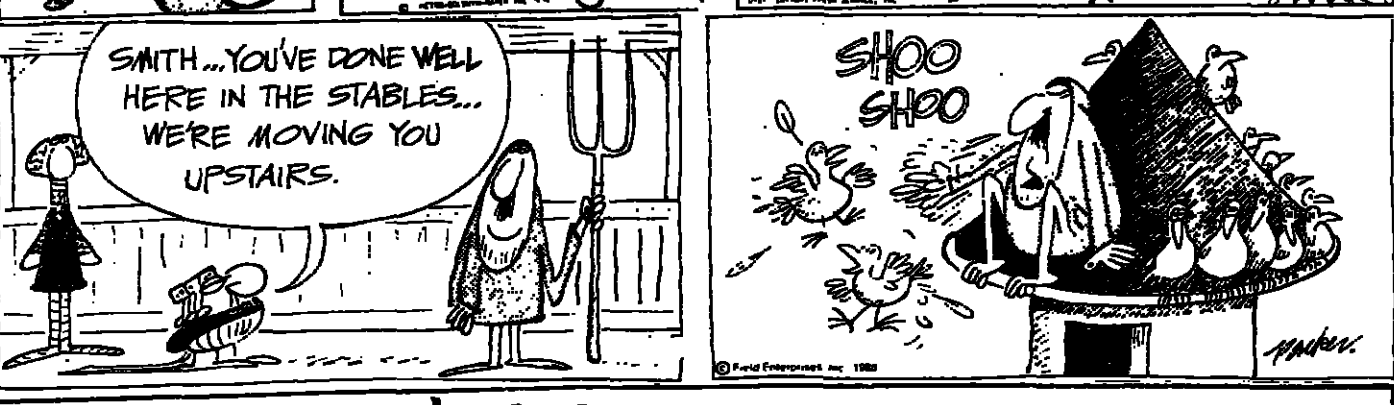
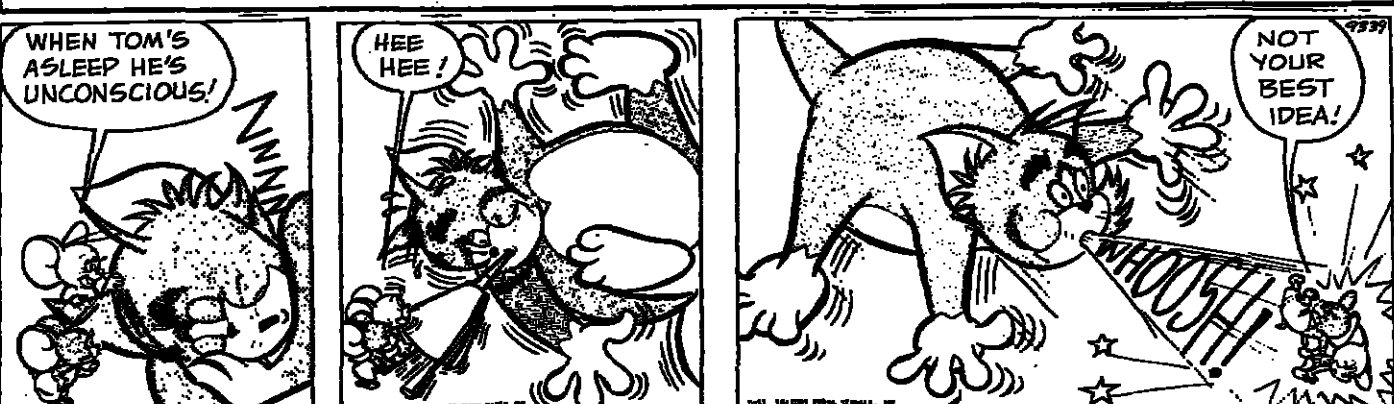
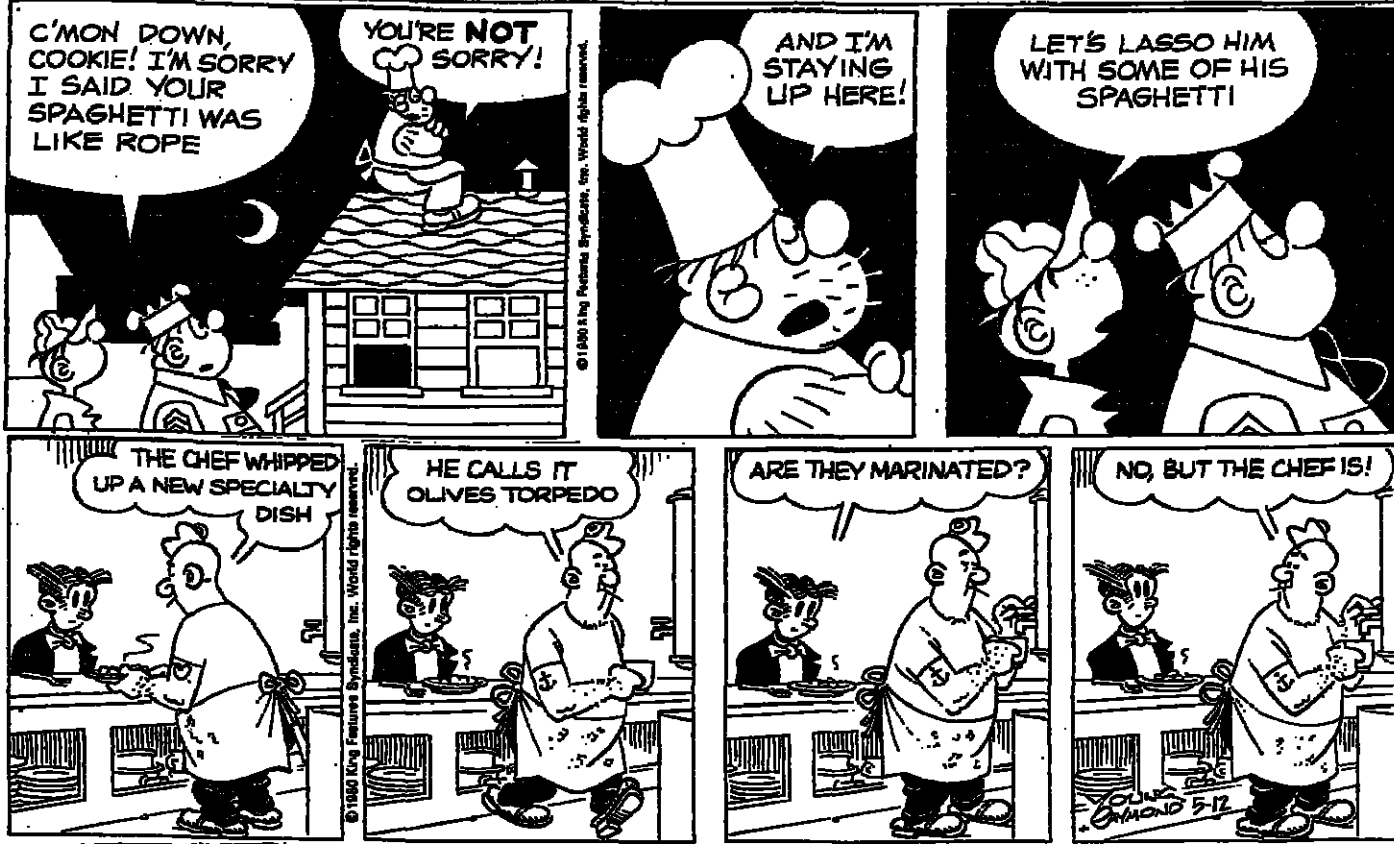
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MONDAY

Afternoon Transmission

2:00 Opening

2:01 Holy Quran

2:05 Gains of Guidance

2:10 Champions of Solidarity

2:20 On Islam

2:30 His in Germany

3:00 NEWS

3:10 From Review

3:15 Music

3:20 Arabic Song

3:30 A Selection of Music

3:50 Closures

3:50 Closures

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Evening Transmission

9:00 Opening

9:01 Holy Quran

9:05 Gains of Guidance

9:10 Light Music

9:15 Jeddah Highlights

9:45 Progress of Knowledge

10:00 A Viewpoint

10:10 Music

10:15 NEWS

10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle

10:30 Dream Land

10:45 A Leaf from Life's Notebook

11:15 In Concert

11:45 On Islam

12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams

01:00 Closures

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Evening Transmission

8:30 Talk One

8:45 Sports Round-up

9:00 World News

9:09 News about Britain

9:15 Radio Newsworld

9:30 Evening World

10:00 Outlook News

Summary

11:09 Twenty-Four Hours

12:45 Nature Notebook

12:55 World News

1:00 World News

1:05 Sports Round-up

1:45 Sports Round-up

2:00 World News

2:09 Commentary

2:15 The Face of England

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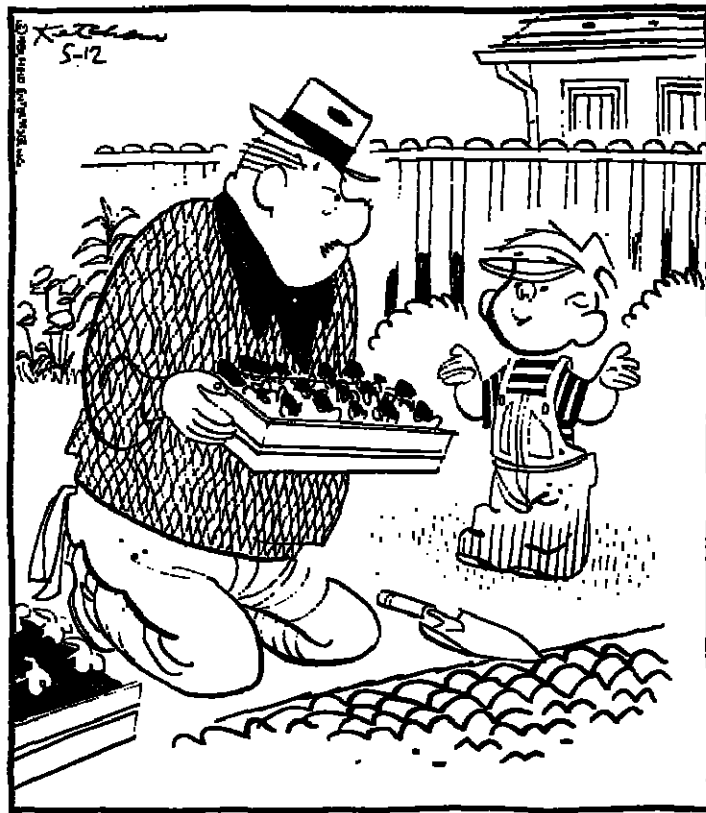
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Contract Bridge : B. Jay Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ K 6 4
♥ A K J 8
♦ K Q 3
♠ A 10 7

WEST
♦ J 10 2
♥ 10 7 2
♦ A 10 8 7
♠ 9 4 2

EAST
♦ 8 7 5
♥ Q 8 5 3
♦ —
♠ J 8 5 3

SOUTH
♦ A Q 3
♥ 4
♦ J 9 6 5 4 2
♠ K Q 6

The bidding:

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠

Opening lead — jack of spades.

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Declarer now cashes his last spade and three clubs, winding up in dummy. With everyone down to three cards at this point, North has the king of hearts and K-3 of diamonds, South has the J-4-6 of diamonds, and West has the A-10-8 of diamonds.

Declarer leads the king of hearts from dummy and ruffs it with the jack. West is helpless against this play. If he overruffs with the ace, he is forced to return the ten or eight, and in either case South scores the nine and the king. If West undertrumps the jack, South leads a diamond towards the king, and again West makes only one trump trick.

There is no escape for West. One of his two apparently certain trump tricks vanishes into thin air.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, MAY 12, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Concentration on work will lead to financial gain. The p.m. brings satisfaction from work and good prospects for the future.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

The pieces should come together in a creative project. Children a source of joy. The p.m. favors romance and stepping out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

The prospects for success in a domestic project or real estate venture are good. Social life brings romantic opportunity.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21)

Your popularity is on the upswing. Important communications with friends. Trust intuitive promptings re career. Don't get sidetracked.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22)

A good time to ask for a raise. Luck is with you in career ventures and improved finances. However, don't mix business with pleasure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Cultural pursuits are favored. Dealings with

educators and publishers are promising. A good time to plan a vacation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

The completion of unfinished business brings satisfaction. A confidential tip about an investment possible. Do further investigating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Marrieds will enjoy the company of friends and singles will meet with new romantic opportunity. A time to socialize and enjoy life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You may receive a job offer. Don't let it go to your head or you'll neglect current obligations. Dealings with higher-ups are favored.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Loved ones will want to take a trip together. A time to put the finishing touches on a creative project. The p.m. favors dating.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Domestic interests meet with success. A friend may be evasive or unreliable. Family discussions re joint assets prove beneficial.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 10)

Short jaunts with loved ones are favored. Reconciliations possible for those estranged. Not all career information is reliable.

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Art movement

5 Dramatized

11 Asian river

12 Corrida star

13 Job

14 Spellbinder

15 Islet

16 Garfunkel

17 Soft drink

18 In — (promptly)

20 Barbados native

21 Not any

22 Indian princess

23 That (Fr.)

24 Chinese society

25 Fragrant flower

26 Precipice

27 Elec. term

28 North Atlantic islands

30 Health resort

31 Brew

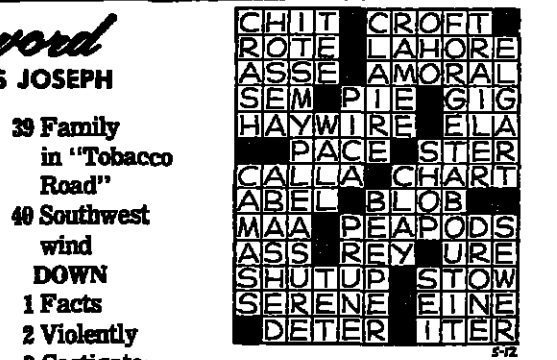
32 English river

34 Roman republic official

36 Without women

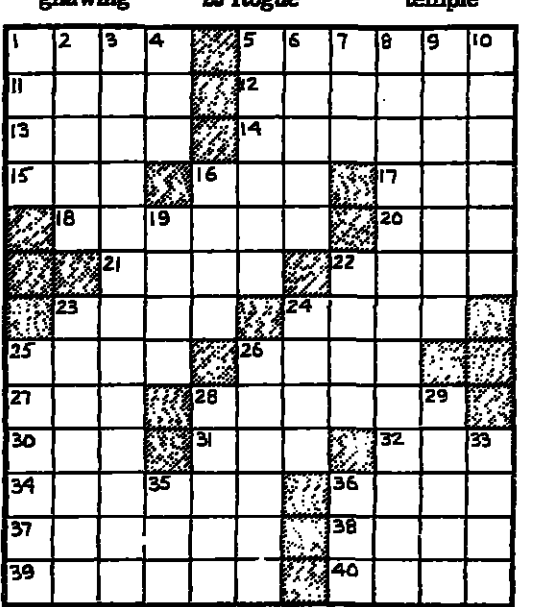
37 Dress

38 Water, as the lawn



Saturday's Answer

10 "Bucks" 26 Square
15 — 28 French
grievance (complain) composer
19 Piece 29 Blot out
of gossip 33 German
22 Below river
23 Fruit dish 35 Hold
24 Links a meeting
hazard 36 Shinto
25 Rogue temple



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A X Y D L B A A X R

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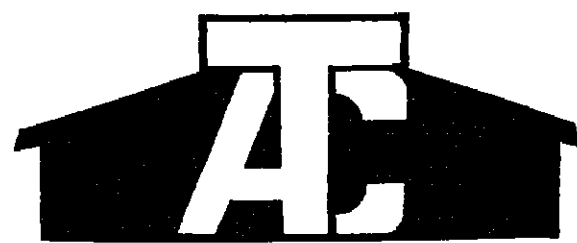
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Saturday's Cryptquote: TWO MEN LOOK OUT THROUGH THE BARS: ONE SEES THE MUD, AND ONE THE STARS.—FRED. LANGBRIDGE

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Who will boycott?

Crucial Olympic votes this week

PARIS, May 11 (AFP) — This week should be a crucial one for the Moscow summer Olympics as two influential Olympic Committees — West Germany and France — meet to decide whether to send a team to Moscow. The West German Olympic Committee (WGOC) seems certain on Thursday to vote for a boycott while the French Olympic Committee (FOC), meeting Tuesday, is leaning towards participating in the Olympics.

The United States Olympics Committee committed itself April 12 to a boycott, while the British Olympic Committee decided March 25 to send a team to Moscow. May 24 is technically the latest that national Olympic committees can decide on Moscow since it is the deadline for answering the invitations of the Moscow Olympics Organizing Committee.

In West Germany, public opinion, the parliament, and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt all

have urged the influential WGOC to boycott the Moscow games. The WGOC's Executive Committee voted 12-7 (with one abstention) Friday to recommend a boycott to the full committee.

The FOC, especially influential in French-speaking Africa, should move against a boycott. French public opinion generally favors participation and the government stressed again Friday, as it has since American President Jimmy Carter called for a boycott January 20, that it would leave the FOC free to decide on going to Moscow.

The FOC already said January 21 that it would accept the invitation of the Moscow Organizing Committee. FOC Vice-President Brigitte Dumont said recently, "I do not see how the FOC can abandon the position they have taken and say no to the Olympics games."

It was FOC President Claude Collard who initiated the proposal, adopted by representatives from 18 western National Olympic

committees in Rome May 3, to "depoliticize" the games by allowing countries to participate in Olympic ceremonies under Olympic, or national committee, flags and anthems, rather than national ones.

Since then, the Olympic committees of Denmark, Switzerland and San Marino have said they would participate in games conducted along these lines. Authoritative observers of the French committee estimate that 14 out of the 16 federations for Olympic sports advocate sending a team to Moscow.

French Olympics athletes, strongly for participation, will be meeting today in Paris to demonstrate their desire to go to Moscow. Among countries which have yet to decide on the Olympics are the Netherlands, Italy, and Japan. With Japan now leaning towards a boycott. In Australia, Australian athletes and sports federations have continued preparing for the Olympics despite urgings from the government to boycott the Moscow games.



Made Anderson

Balloon sails toward east U.S. landfall

WINONA, Minnesota, May 11 (AP) — The Kitty Hawk, attempting the first cross-country balloon flight, swept across the cloudy skies of South Dakota and southern Minnesota Saturday after surviving turbulent weather in Wyoming Friday. Maxie Anderson, 45-year-old veteran of a trans-Atlantic crossing with two others in 1978, is making the flight across America with his son Kris, 23.

Anderson, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, keeps in occasional touch by radio with the balloon's tracking base, Weather Services Corp., of Bedford, Massachusetts. A spokesman for the firm, Jim Mitchell, said Saturday night that the balloon was 67 miles (107 kilometers) south of Minneapolis and was expected to pass into Wisconsin at about noon Sunday.

"They're at 15,500 feet (7,777 meters) and are traveling 68 miles (108 kilometers) per hour to the east-northeast," Mitchell said. "That's a very fast speed for a balloon. It's essentially going at wind speed." The Andersons left San Francisco shortly after midnight Thursday, intending to reach Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, but are at the mercy of wind currents.

Mitchell said winds might take them over Wisconsin and into Michigan. Mitchell said the Andersons endured a "hectic day" Friday, when they hit snow and rainstorms in Wyoming. He said the Andersons had sufficient food and oxygen for an extended trip. They use oxygen above 12,000 feet (3,660 meters).

"It is possible the North Carolina objective is not out the window," he said. The first objective is to cross the country, the second to get to North Carolina, and the third to keep from landing in the dark, he added.

"When you're trying to maneuver something 20 stories tall, you like not to be coming down in the dark in unfamiliar territory," Mitchell said. The Kitty Hawk consists of a translucent plastic balloon or envelope 75 feet high and 75 feet wide (22½ meters) at its equator. It's attached to a cargo parachute, from which hangs the 4½-ton fiberglass gondola.

Rabbits vex farmers

QUESSANT, France, May 11 (AFP) — The 40,000 descendants of 60 rabbits a hunting association introduced to this island off Brittany five years ago are now making short work of local farmers' vegetable gardens.

Mayor Marcel Ticos said the problem was not yet out of hand, but he would be wrong to be optimistic. In Australia, vast colonies of rabbits cleared farming land faster than locusts before a relentless war on the animals finally kept their population under control.

Quessant authorities compounded the first fatal error of introducing the rabbits by passing a two-year ban on hunting them. Undisturbed, the 30 pairs were soon in their thousands.

Flooded with complaints from furious farmers, local authorities have toyed with the idea of introducing foxes or spraying poison down the warrens. But foxes would also be a threat to farmers' chickens and young animals adding insult to injury.

So far the rabbits are happy with the vegetable plots, but the main worry in this island, 20 kms off the French coast, is that they could start on the grass, stealing food from the sheep, the island's main farming interest.

U.S. 'spy' well-known in Tehran

TEHRAN, May 11 (AFP) — An American woman held here on spying charges is a freelance journalist who cut an unusual figure on assignments in Tehran wearing a sun hat floppy sandals and back-pack.

Iranian officials have refused to name the American they arrested six days ago but a spokesman for the Swiss Embassy, which is handling U.S. affairs in Iran, said everything pointed to Cynthia Dwyer.

"We have approached the Iranian Foreign Ministry twice and the president once for confirmation of her identity and to arrange to visit her, but so far with no success," the spokesman said. "All we can say is that our investigations clearly indicate that Miss Dwyer is the person concerned."

Exact charges against the arrested woman have not been released but Iranian press reports said security men found documents in her hotel room which they said proved she had links with the American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Sunday the Hilton Hotel confirmed Miss Dwyer had been staying there but said her baggage was now gone.

"We have no further details," a staff member said.

Miss Dwyer, in her early 30's came from the Buffalo, New York, suburb of Amherst. She wrote on a freelance basis for a local home newspaper and was believed to have had the press pass needed in Iran.

Most of the foreign newsmen in Tehran knew her by sight if not by name.

"With the clothes she wore, you could hardly miss her," a photographer commented. "She seemed a thoroughly nice girl. She was always asking questions, but in this job you have to — it hardly means you are a spy."

Protesters scale Statue of Liberty

NEW YORK, May 11 (AP) — Two men used rubber suction cups and spikes to climb part way up the Statue of Liberty Saturday to dramatize their discontent with the treatment of a convicted killer.

Large bags were inflated at the base of the statue to cushion a fall. Police stood by with climbing and rescue equipment, but made no attempt to mount the 305-foot (95-meter) statue and bring the pair down, even though park officials estimated they did \$80,000 damage to the statue.

"It's too hazardous to try to stop them at this point," said Mike Tennent, chief ranger at the park. "There's really no way to stop them until they get to the top or fall."

Park Superintendent David Moffitt said at a Saturday evening news conference that the two men — identified as Edwin Drummond, 35, and Stephen Rutherford, 31, both of San Francisco — probably would remain on the statue until Sunday.

A third man, David Flatley, 35, who Park officials said was "affiliated" with the climbers, was arrested near the statue and charged with littering.

By noon, about two hours after beginning the climb, the pair was about one-third of the way up the monument, which dominates the entrance to New York Harbor from Liberty Island. As they rested in the crook of Liberty's knee, the two unfurled a white-and-red banner saying "Liberty was framed — free Geronimo Pratt."

One of the men then continued the climb and reached the statue's shoulder. Moffitt, said the man told him Pratt is "an American Indian and a 'political prisoner who is being persecuted'."

The FBI said its sketchy information was that Elmer Geronimo Pratt, 37, is a former member of the black Panther Party who is serving a prison sentence in San Quentin, California, for the rape of a school teacher in 1969. Pratt has contended he was innocent and framed by the FBI.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Last Monday was a public holiday. Early in the evening there was the national John Wayne movie on the television screens. Millions sat down to watch those formalized, and therefore safe, enjoyable, sagas of violence. Sudden, program was stopped. And there followed a live relay of the actual assault on Iranian embassy carried by an elite of the British army, the Special Air Service Regiment. Here, without warning, violence in the raw, and it was the thing.

The juxtaposition was bitterly ironic. Between the tall tale the late lamented Duke was gracing, with its simple verities its choreographed punch-ups, its theatrical shootings, and the cold, terrifying businesslike efficiency with which the violence in the embassy was carried, larger than life shots of heroes being patently heroic, of villains being ditto villainous. All to the background of no scenery, rearing horses and swells music. Only distant sustained shots small, black-clad figures darting like programmed robots to their mission doom. Then the explosions, screams, a gunfire. And that was all. Less than 1 minutes from start to finish.

The ruthlessness of the SAS, of the men themselves that is, was only half of the story. The other half was the skilful marionette of this technology. The action is nothing to chance. It wasn't a matter going in and shooting it out with the gunmen. Everything was worked out in advance. Pictures of the hostages and the captors were memorized so that the margin of error in that vital moment between seeing a face and squeezing the trigger reduced. The plan of the embassy was studied, room by room, corner by corner. Even more impressively, electronic surveillance gave indications of where everyone inside was, what they were saying, right up to the very moment of attack.

As the firing died down and the stages began to emerge into the fading light my feelings were mixed: horror, sorrow and relief. Human beings had been killed. Others were saved from a certain death. But, thank God, it was over. Another, smaller thought also nagged was that the horrible scenes I had witnessed were harbingers of a future, which more and more the haphazard violence of gunmen will be pitted against studied, calculated — I almost said, computerized — violence of the state.

Give me back, that small voice said, harmless violence of the old Duke. This is far too much reality about, most unbearable.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awasat

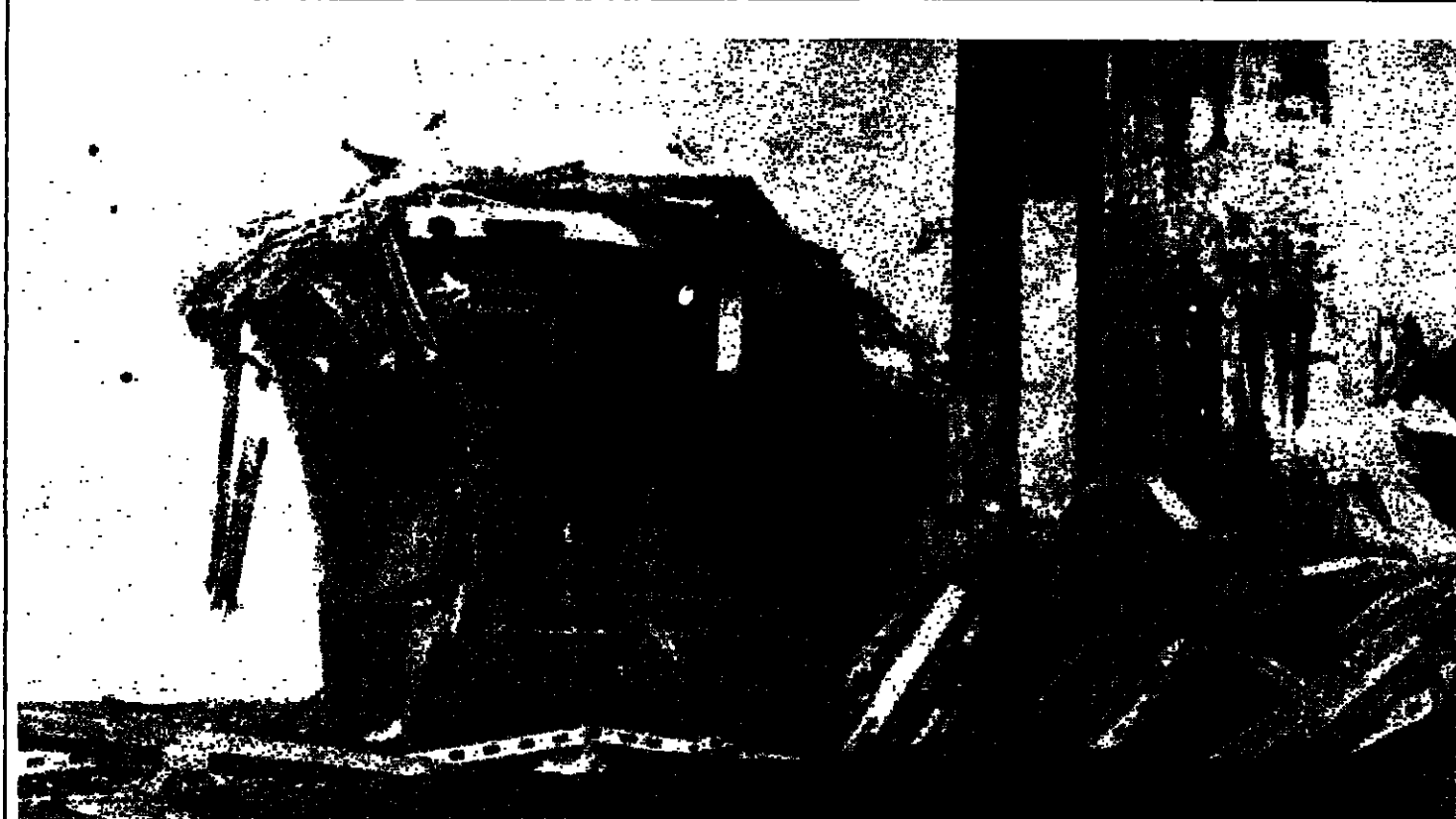
Soviet experts bolt Afghanistan

NEW DELHI, May 11 (R) — Some Soviet and Czech technical experts working development projects in Afghanistan returned home because of insecurity Afghan provinces, the Press Trust of India reported Sunday from Kabul.

Dependents of Soviet technical personnel still in the country had also been sent home.

But the news agency said the government insurgency in Afghanistan apparently had not deterred Soviet aid from pouring into the country along with troops. It said Indian experts last month over from Czech personnel at the F. Khumri coal mine in Baghlan province, 100 kms from Kabul, after the Czechs came under fire and pulled out. Czech experts with from two other coal mines.

Czech experts also left unfinished a project in Herat in southern Afghanistan. December when troops entered the city, it said.



'Nice ride' turned deadly on Florida bridge

(Editors Note — Anthony Gattus's friends car stood inches from the edge of pavement sagging precariously toward the hole left when a ship rammed the Sunshine Skyway Bridge in a storm Friday, knocking loose part of the roadway. He was one of four people in the car, which was traveling behind the Greyhound bus that plunged into Tampa Bay. Here is his first-person account as told to Associated Press writer Matt Bokor.)

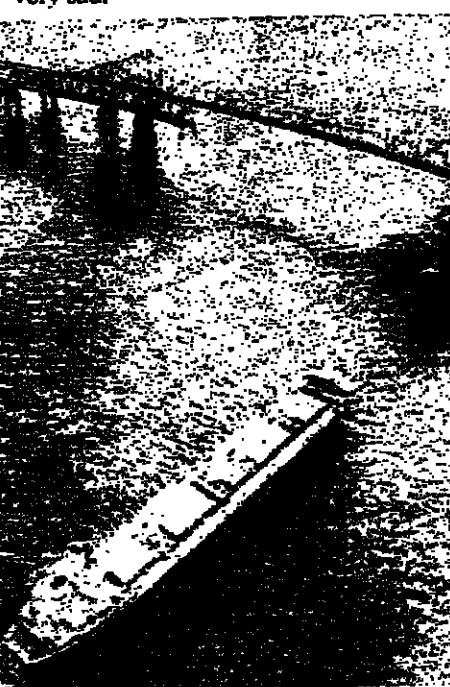
We scrambled back up the bridge. It was slippery. Several times I was on all fours. I slipped. I had leather or hard-rubber soles on my shoes. They were very slick. I had a problem climbing up and getting out of there.

I was anxious to get away from it, and we had to stop the traffic. We waved our arms frantically. We screamed. All I was thinking about were the cars that were coming. I really wasn't thinking about myself at all. I didn't even think about my heart condition.

I thought about it afterwards though, and now I'm glad I didn't think about it then because if I did I might not be here talking today.

Then a Florida Highway Patrol car came by. I was really relieved. I sighed. I knew he could do the rest.

The accident is very sad. It's sad. It's very sad.



ST. PETERSBURG, Florida, May 11 (AP) — I was just along for the ride. I'm 61 years old and retired from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and I've got a lot of time on my hands. Sometimes you can only work so much in the yard.

My friend, Dick Hornbuckle, goes out and delivers cars. I go along for the ride. This was a way for me to get out of the house. It would kind of break up the day for me — riding to different parts of the state, Sebring, Sarasota, Bradenton. The rides were nice. I'd only been with him a few times, and it had always been an enjoyable experience.

As we approached the peak of the bridge, one bus and another vehicle passed us. We weren't going more than 20 to 25 miles an hour tops, and I don't even know if Dick was going that fast.

Then the bridge started shaking and buckling. Dick slammed on the brakes and we slid and slid. I don't know how far. He hollered "oh my God! Oh my God!" We stopped and we all opened the doors at once.

I looked ahead, and Dick said, "Where's the bus?" I saw the bridge was gone. There was no bus.

Everybody hopped out of the car. There was a hard, blowing wind, like a hurricane. The rain was torrential. It was dark.

I said, "Let's get out of here." I didn't know what happened. I didn't know if the wind had blown the bridge over or what.

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Lautrec poster fetches record price

NEW YORK, May 11 (AP) — A copy of the Moulin Rouge, the most famous poster by French artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, was sold at auction Saturday for \$55,000 the highest price ever paid for a poster.

The 1891 poster, which conjures up memories of Paris in an earlier day, depicts a coquettish-looking woman — who went by the stage-name La Goulue — dancing an improvised version of the Quadrille at the Moulin Rouge, the famous Parisian night spot.

Lautrec, a sickly, crippled dwarf of a man,

was commissioned to do a poster advertising a new act by the night club's owner. It was his first attempt at lithography, according to John Rennert, a poster consultant with Phillips Auctioneers, which sold the poster. The Moulin Rouge "is considered the most sought after poster in world," Rennert said. About 1,000 copies of the poster were made by Lautrec from the stone cutting on which the artist made the impression. Some 20 or 30 probably remain, according to Rennert, who estimated two-thirds were in museums.



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